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1 MR. DAVIS: Good morning. This is the
2 transcribed interview of Donald Trump, Junior.
3 Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein
4 first invited Mr. Trump to testify at a public
5 hearing entitled Oversight of the Foreign Agents
6 Registration Act and Attempts to Influence
7 Elections, Lessons Learned From Current and Prior
8 Administrations. Mr. Trump was not compelled to
9 testify at that hearing and the committee withdrew
10 its invitation for him to appear voluntarily after
11 he agreed to this interview.

12 Would the witness please state your name
13 for the record.

14 THE WITNESS: Donald John Trump, Junior.

15 MR. DAVIS: On behalf of the Chairman I want
16 to thank Mr. Trump for appearing here today. My
17 name is Patrick Davis and I'm the Deputy Chief
18 Investigative Counsel with the Committee's majority
19 staff.

20 I'll ask everyone from the committee who
21 is here at the table to introduce themselves as
22 well.

23 MR. FOSTER: Jason Foster, Chief
24 Investigative Counsel for Chairman Grassley.

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1 Senator Lyndsey Graham.

2 MS. SAWYER: Heather Sawyer, Chief Oversight
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5 Senator Feinstein.

6 MS. CLAFLIN: Molly Claflin, Counsel for
7 Senator Feinstein.

8 MR. DAVIS: The Federal Rules of Civil
9 Procedure do not apply to any of the Committees'
10 investigative activities, including transcribed
11 interviews. There are some guidelines we follow
12 and I'll go over those now.

13 MS. SAWYER: Patrick, before we start can we
14 have the record reflect Senators Durbin and
15 Blumenthal are also present.

16 MR. DAVIS: Our questioning will proceed in
17 rounds. The majority staff will ask questions
18 first for one hour. Then the minority staff will
19 have the opportunity to each ask questions for an
20 equal amount of time. We will go back and forth
21 until there are no more questions and the interview
22 is over.

23 We typically take a short break at the end
24 of each hour, but should you need to take a break
25 at any other time, please let us know. And we can

1 discuss taking a break for lunch whenever you're
2 ready to do that.

3 We have an official reporter taking down
4 everything we say to make a written record. So we
5 ask that you give verbal responses to all
6 questions. Do you understand.

7 MR. TRUMP: I do.

8 MR. DAVIS: So that the court reporter can
9 take down a clear record, we'll do our best to
10 limit the number of people directing questions at
11 you during any given hour to those whose turn it
12 is. It's also important that we don't talk over
13 one another or interrupt each other if we can help
14 it. That goes for everybody present at today's
15 interview.

16 While senators on the committee may
17 observe, the Chairman and Ranking Member have
18 agreed that only staff will ask questions today.

19 We encourage witnesses who appear before
20 the Committee to consult freely with counsel if
21 they so choose. You are appearing here today with
22 counsel. Counsel please state your name for the
23 record.

24 MR. FUTERFAS: Good morning. Alan Futerfas,
25 F-U-T-E-R-F-A-S.

1 MS. LYNCH: Karina Lynch, L-Y-N-C-H.

2 MR. GARTEN: Alan Garten, G-A-R-T-E-N.

3 MR. DAVIS: We want you to answer our
4 questions in the most complete and truthful manner
5 possible. So we will take our time. If you have
6 any questions or if you don't understand any of our
7 questions, please let us know. If you honestly
8 don't know the answer to a question or don't
9 remember, it's best not to guess. Just give us
10 your best recollection. It's okay to tell us if
11 you learned information from someone else if you
12 indicate how you came to know that information. If
13 there are things that you don't know or can't
14 remember, we ask that you inform us to the best of
15 your knowledge who might be able to provide a more
16 complete answer to the question.

17 This interview is unclassified. So if the
18 questions call for any information that you know to
19 be classified, please state that for the record as
20 well as the reason for the classification. And
21 then once you've clarified that, to the extent
22 possible, please respond with as much unclassified
23 information as you can. If we need to have a
24 classified session later, that can be arranged.

25 It is this Committee's practice to honor

1 valid common law privilege claims as an
2 accommodation to a witness or party when those
3 claims are made in good faith and accompanied by
4 sufficient explanation so that the Committee can
5 evaluate the claim. When deciding whether to honor
6 a privilege the Committee weighs its need for the
7 information against any legitimate basis for
8 withholding it. The Committee typically does not
9 honor contractual confidentiality agreements.

10 The Committee and Mr. Trump have agreed
11 that this interview is occurring without prejudice
12 to any future discussions with the Committee and we
13 reserve the right to request Mr. Trump's
14 participation in future interviews or to compel his
15 testimony. The Committee and Mr. Trump have also
16 agreed that participation in this interview does
17 not constitute a waiver of his ability to assert
18 any privileges in response to future appearances
19 before this Committee.

20 You should understand that, although the
21 interview is not under oath, by law you are
22 required to answer questions from Congress
23 truthfully. Do you understand that?

24 MR. TRUMP: I do.

25 MR. DAVIS: Specifically, 18 U.S.C. Section

1 1001 makes it a crime to make any materially false,
2 fictitious, or fraudulent statements or
3 representation in the course of a congressional
4 investigation. That statute applies to your
5 statements in this interview. Do you understand
6 that?

7 MR. TRUMP: I do.

8 MR. DAVIS: Witnesses who knowingly provide
9 false statements could be subject to criminal
10 prosecution and imprisonment for up to five years.
11 Do you understand that?

12 MR. TRUMP: I do.

13 MR. DAVIS: Is there any reason you're unable
14 to provide truthful answers to today's questions?

15 MR. TRUMP: No.

16 MR. DAVIS: Finally, we ask that you not
17 speak about what we discuss in this interview with
18 anyone else outside of who's here in the room today
19 in order to preserve the integrity of our
20 investigation. We also ask that you not remove any
21 exhibits or other Committee documents from the
22 interview.

23 Is there anything else that my colleagues
24 from the minority want to add?

25 MS. SAWYER: Good morning. Thanks for being

1 with us today. We appreciate it. I just want to
2 make clear that Senator Coons has also joined us
3 now as well.

4 MR. DAVIS: Mr. Trump, would you like to make
5 a statement?

6 MR. TRUMP: Yes. Thank you.

7 I welcome the opportunity to share this
8 prepared statement in an effort to set forth the
9 sum and substance of what I know regarding a
10 meeting that I attended on June 9, 2016. I'm
11 thankful for the opportunity to meet with you today
12 and look forward to answering all of your
13 questions. As will become clear, I did not collude
14 with any foreign government and do not know of
15 anyone who did.

16 From 2002 to 2015 the Trump Organization
17 and NBC Universal were co-owners of the Miss
18 Universe Pageant. Over the years the pageant had
19 been held in countries around the world including
20 Cyprus, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Thailand, Mexico,
21 Bahamas, Vietnam, and Brazil. On November 9, 2013
22 the pageant was held at Crocus City Hall, a concert
23 venue in Moscow, Russia owned by real estate
24 developed Aras Agalarov. Though I did not attend
25 the Miss Universe Pageant, I have been to Russia on

1 a few occasions, most recently in 2011.

2 Following the pageant the Trump
3 Organization and Mr. Agalarov's company, Crocus
4 Group, began preliminarily discussion potential
5 real estate projects in Moscow. This was not the
6 first time the Trump Organization had explored
7 potential real estate deals in Russia. As a global
8 real estate company and hotel company with projects
9 currently in Canada, India, Indonesia, Ireland,
10 Panama, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and the
11 United Kingdom, Uruguay, and elsewhere, prior to
12 the election the Trump Organization was looking to
13 expand into new international markets, just like
14 its competitors. Ultimately, however, the company
15 was not able to find a suitable project and has not
16 consummated any real estate deals or made other
17 investments in Russia.

18 Some time after the pageant the Trump
19 Organization invited Mr. Agalarov's son, Emin, a
20 successful pop singer, to perform at the WGC
21 Championship Golf Tournament which was being held
22 in March 2014 at Trump National Golf Course in
23 Doral, Florida. As I was not in attendance at the
24 Miss Universe Pageant in Moscow, this was the first
25 time I recall meeting Emin and his manager Rob

1 Goldstone in person.

2 On June 16, 2015 my father announced his
3 intention to run for President of the United
4 States. Over the next year and a half my father
5 campaigned tirelessly, traveling across the country
6 in an effort to convey his vision for the country
7 to the American people. Though I had no prior
8 experience in politics, my father's message to the
9 country inspired me as it did millions of others.

10 From the moment he announced his candidacy my
11 siblings and I worked day in and day out to support
12 our father. I had never worked on a campaign
13 before and it was exhausting, all encompassing, and
14 a life-changing experience. Every single day I
15 fielded dozens, if not hundreds of e-mails and
16 phone calls. Because my father started off as the
17 underdog we had a very modest staff and were forced
18 to learn as we went along. Every day presented
19 numerous challenges and required my attention to
20 many different issues.

21 The Republican primaries began on
22 February 1, 2016 with the Iowa caucuses. Although
23 my father did not win Iowa, over the next several
24 months he was fortunate to prevail in New
25 Hampshire, South Carolina, Nevada, Alabama,

1 Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, and many other
2 states. Nevertheless, as of June 2016 it was still
3 uncertain whether my father would receive the
4 nomination for President at the Republican National
5 Convention in mid-July.

6 Despite overwhelming support from the
7 American people, it was widely reported that some
8 within the party were attempting to undermine the
9 process in an effort to force a contested
10 convention. While this was going on we were also
11 in the process of replacing our campaign manager.
12 It was an extraordinarily intense period of time.

13 In the midst of this maelstrom on the
14 morning of June 3, 2016 I received an e-mail from
15 Rob Goldstone. Although I had not seen him in
16 quite some time, Rob would intermittently contact
17 me. For example, when Emin would perform in the
18 New York area Rob would graciously invite me to
19 attend. Similarly, after my father announced his
20 candidacy Rob was among the many individuals who
21 would reach out from time to time to congratulate
22 us on winning a primary or to show their support.

23 In his e-mail to me Rob suggested that
24 someone had official documents and information that
25 would incriminate Hillary Clinton and her dealings

1 with Russia and that the information would be very
2 useful to the campaign. I was somewhat skeptical
3 of his outreach as I had only know Rob as Emin's
4 somewhat colorful music promoter who had worked
5 with famous pop singers such as Michael Jackson.
6 Since I had no additional information to validate
7 what Rob was saying I did not quite know what to
8 make of his e-mail. I had no way to gauge the
9 reliability, credibility, or accuracy of any of the
10 things that he was saying.

11 As it later turned out, my skepticism was
12 justified. The meeting provided no meaningful
13 information and turned out to be not about what was
14 represented. The meeting was instead primarily
15 focused on Russian adoptions, which is exactly what
16 I said over a year later in my statement of July 8,
17 2017.

18 Nonetheless, at the time I thought I
19 should listen to what Rob and his colleagues had to
20 say. To the extent that they had information
21 concerning the fitness, character, or
22 qualifications of any presidential candidate, I
23 believed that I should at least hear them out.
24 Depending on what, if any, information that they
25 had, I could then consult with counsel to make an

1 informed decision as to whether to give it any
2 further consideration. I also note at this time
3 there was no focus on Russian activities that there
4 is today.

5 In responding to Rob's e-mail I wrote back
6 and suggested that perhaps I speak to Emin first.
7 As much as some have made of the phrase "I love
8 it," it was simply a colloquial way of saying that
9 I appreciated Rob's gesture. Three days later on
10 June 6th Rob contacted me again about scheduling a
11 time for a call with Emin. My phone records show
12 three very short phone calls between Emin and me on
13 June 6th and 7th. I do not recall speaking with
14 Emin. It's possible we left each other voicemails
15 messages. I simply don't remember.

16 The next day, June 7th, I received a
17 follow-up e-mail from Rob inquiring about the
18 dates and times for a meeting. In one of the
19 e-mails Rob mentions that two people would be
20 attending, one of whom was a lawyer. I later
21 learned from Rob that the lawyer was already
22 scheduled to be in court in New York on June 9th.
23 I have also seen press reports that she was on
24 Capitol Hill and attended a congressional hearing
25 on June 14th.

1 While Rob said he would send me the names
2 of the attendees for the June 9th meeting, he never
3 did. As a result I had no advance knowledge of who
4 would attend. I told Rob that Jared Kushner and
5 our newly hired campaign manager Paul Manafort
6 would likely also attend. I then asked Jared and
7 Paul if they could attend, but told them none of
8 the substance or who was going to be there since I
9 did not know myself. Because we were in the same
10 building Paul, Jared, and I would routinely invite
11 one another to attend meetings at a moment's
12 notice.

13 On June 9th -- June 9th was like every
14 other day during the campaign, it was chaotic. In
15 addition to the campaign we still had a company to
16 run. Because my father was solely focused on
17 fulfilling his promise to the American people,
18 responsibility for the company fell squarely on the
19 shoulders of my siblings and me. Accordingly, I
20 spent June 9th in a series of campaign and
21 business-related meetings and interviews. The
22 meeting which Rob asked for was on my calendar at
23 4:00 p.m. marked simply as "Meeting, Don Jr., Jared
24 Kushner."

25 As I recall, at or around 4:00 p.m. Rob

1 Goldstone came up to our offices and entered our
2 conference room with a lawyer I know now to be
3 Natalia Veselnitskaya. Joining them was a
4 translator and a man who was introduced to me as
5 Irakly Kaveladze. After a few minutes Jared and
6 Paul joined. While numerous press outlets have
7 reported that there were a total of eight people
8 present at the meeting, I only recall seven.
9 Because Rob was able to bring the entire group up
10 by only giving his name to the security in the
11 lobby, I had no advance warning regarding who or
12 how many people would be attending. There is no
13 attendance log to refer back to and I did not take
14 notes.

15 After perfunctory greetings the lawyers
16 began telling the group very generally something
17 about individuals connected to Russia supporting or
18 funding Democratic presidential candidate Hillary
19 Clinton or the Democratic National Committee. It
20 was quite difficult for me to understand what she
21 was saying or why. Given our busy schedules, we
22 politely asked if she could be more specific and
23 provide more clarity about her objective for the
24 meeting.

25 At that point Ms. Veselnitskaya pivoted

1 and began talking about the adoption of Russian
2 children by U.S. citizens and something called the
3 Magnitsky Act. Until that day I'd never heard of
4 the Magnitsky Act and had no familiarity with this
5 issue. It was clear to me that her real purpose in
6 asking for the meeting all along was to discuss
7 Russian adoptions and the Magnitsky Act.

8 At this point Jared excused himself from
9 the meeting to take a phone call. I proceeded to
10 quickly and politely end the meeting by telling
11 Ms. Veselnitskaya that because my father was a
12 private citizen there did not seem to be any point
13 for having this discussion. She thanked us for our
14 time and everyone left the conference room. As we
15 walked out I recall Rob coming over to apologize.

16 I have no recollection of documents being
17 offered or left for us. The meeting lasted 20 to
18 30 minutes. Rob, Emin, and I never discussed the
19 meeting again. I do not recall ever discussing it
20 with Jared, Paul, or anyone else. In short, I gave
21 it no further thought.

22 As is clear from the above, I did not
23 collude with any foreign government and did not
24 know anyone who did. I'm grateful for the
25 opportunity to help resolve any lingering concerns

1 that may exist regarding these events. I'm very
2 proud of the campaign that my father ran and I was
3 honored to be a part of it.

4 MR. FUTERFAS: That concludes the statement.

5 MR. DAVIS: Thank you.

6 The time is now 9:48 and we will get
7 started with the first hour of questions.

8 MS. SAWYER: Patrick, before you do I just
9 wanted to note that Senator Klobuchar has also
10 joined us.

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. DAVIS:

13 Q. Mr. Trump, could you please state your
14 full name for the record.

15 A. Donald John Trump, Junior.

16 Q. What is your professional background?

17 A. Real estate developer.

18 Q. When did you begin working at the Trump
19 Organization?

20 A. 2001, September.

21 Q. And what is your current role at the Trump
22 Organization?

23 A. Executive vice president of development
24 and acquisitions.

25 Q. Did you have an official role on your

1 father's campaign for president?

2 A. Not an official role, no.

3 Q. During the campaign did you report to any
4 individuals within the campaign structure?

5 A. Not in any formal structure, no.

6 (DTJR Exhibit 1 was marked for
7 identification.)

8 BY MR. DAVIS:

9 Q. Mr. Trump, I'd like to turn to the e-mail
10 chain beginning on June 3, 2016 between you and Rob
11 Goldstone.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Which later included an e-mail from you to
14 Paul Manafort. I will label this Exhibit 1.

15 A. Thank you.

16 Q. The Bates numbers are DJTFP-00011895
17 through 897. I believe you clarified this in your
18 statement, but just to make sure, the chain
19 references people named Emin and Aras. These are
20 references to Emin Agalarov and Aras Agalarov,
21 correct?

22 A. That is correct.

23 Q. The first e-mail in this chain
24 chronologically states it was sent from
25 Mr. Goldstone to you at 10:36 a.m. on June 3, 2016.

1 It states that the Crown prosecutor of Russia met
2 with Aras and offered to provide the Trump campaign
3 with some official documents and information that
4 would incriminate Hillary in her dealings with
5 Russia and would be very useful to your father.

6 Was this e-mail the first occasion in which
7 Mr. Goldstone relayed to you this purported offer
8 to provide your father's campaign this information?

9 A. Yes, I believe it was.

10 Q. Mr. Goldstone's e-mail states, in part,
11 "This is obviously very high level and sensitive
12 information but is part of Russia and its
13 government's support for Mr. Trump, helped along by
14 Aras and a minute."

15 Prior to this e-mail had you and
16 Mr. Goldstone ever communicated about this topic,
17 Russian government support for your father?

18 A. No, we had not.

19 Q. Your response e-mail doesn't question his
20 assertion that the Russian government was
21 supporting your father. At the time did you have
22 reason to believe that the Russian government
23 supported then Candidate Trump?

24 A. I did not.

25 Q. Mr. Goldstone's e-mails states "What do

1 you think is the best way to handle this
2 information and would you be able to speak to Emin
3 about it directly? I can also send this info to
4 your father via Rhona, but it is ultrasensitive.
5 So wanted to send to you first."

6 As far as you know, was he referring to
7 Rhona Graff, an executive vice president at the
8 Trump Organization, an assistant to your father?

9 A. I believe so, yes.

10 Q. To the best of your knowledge, when
11 Mr. Goldstone expressed this reluctance to send
12 this ultrasensitive information to your father via
13 Ms. Graff, was that a reluctance to share the
14 information with your father himself or a
15 reluctance to use Ms. Graff as intermediary to
16 share it with your father? Did Mr. Goldstone ever
17 explain or how did you interpret the statement at
18 the time?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. According to the document, you replied to
21 Mr. Goldstone at 10:53 on June 3, 2016 stating
22 "Thanks, Rob. I appreciate that. I am on the road
23 at the moment, but perhaps I could speak to Emin
24 first. Seems we have some time and if it's what
25 you say, I love it, especially later in the summer.

1 Could we do a call first thing when I am back?"

2 What did you mean when you wrote that you
3 "love it, especially later in the summer"?

4 A. As I said in my statement, I had no way of
5 gauging the credibility of this, if it was even
6 real. We had bigger fish to fry with the
7 convention and the possibility of a contested
8 convention. So this wasn't something that I was in
9 a rush to act on.

10 Q. And why did you want to talk to Emin
11 first?

12 A. Because I had no idea what to make of
13 this. I knew of Rob as, again, a rather colorful
14 guy, you know, tabloid journalist turned promoter.
15 So I wanted to see if there was anything to it.

16 Q. The e-mail chain then shows that
17 Mr. Goldstone e-mailed you again on Monday, June 6,
18 2016 attempting to arrange a call with Emin and at
19 15:03 that day, 3:03 p.m., you responded asking if
20 Emin could speak with you then. After a few
21 e-mails Mr. Goldstone stated at 3:43 p.m. that Emin
22 is "On stage in Moscow but should be off within 20
23 minutes, so I'm sure can call."

24 (DTJR Exhibit 2 was marked for
25 identification.)

1 BY MR. DAVIS:

2 Q. I'd like you to take a look at the
3 document Bates-stamped DJTJR-00855, which I'll
4 label Exhibit 2. Please keep Exhibit 1 nearby,
5 though, as we'll return to it momentarily.

6 Exhibit 2 is an [REDACTED] record for your
7 iPhone with the Trump Organization; is that
8 correct?

9 A. I believe it is, yes.

10 Q. So in Exhibit 1 Mr. Goldstone's e-mail at
11 3:43 p.m. on June 6 said that Emin would call you
12 within about 20 minutes, and this [REDACTED] record,
13 which is heavily redacted, shows an incoming call
14 21 minutes later at 4:04 p.m. on that day from the
15 number [REDACTED]. Was that a call from Emin?

16 A. I believe it to be.

17 Q. According to the document, the call lasted
18 two minutes. Do you have any memory of the content
19 of that call?

20 A. I don't. And in researching this we went
21 to check with the phone company. Two minutes is
22 anything over 60 seconds. So it's between 60
23 seconds and two minutes, which is why I wasn't sure
24 if it was a call or just a voicemail and a missed
25 call playing phone tag.

1 Q. According to the document, 25 minutes
2 after the first call ended you made an outgoing
3 call to that same number, but in between the two
4 calls there's another entry, a call at 4:27 that
5 lasted four minutes from a blocked number. Between
6 Emin's call to you at 4:04 and your return call to
7 him at 4:31, with whom did you have a call?

8 A. I have no idea.

9 Q. Other than that call, do you recall what
10 you did during the 25 minutes between those calls?

11 A. I don't.

12 Q. It appears from this record that after
13 your call with the blocked number ended you called
14 Emin back. That call to Emin at 4:31 p.m. lasted
15 three minutes according to the document. Do you
16 recall that call at all?

17 A. I do not.

18 Q. And, again, according to this exhibit on
19 the next day, June 7, 2016, you received an
20 incoming call from that same number at 12:44 p.m.
21 which lasted two minutes. Do you recall the
22 contents of that call?

23 A. I do not.

24 Q. The document also shows that at 4:07 p.m.
25 on June 7, 2016 you placed a call to 703-[REDACTED].

1 Who was that call to?

2 A. I don't know.

3 Q. Do you recall the contents of it, then?

4 A. No, I don't.

5 Q. Returning to Exhibit 1, a few hours after
6 your call with Emin and a few minutes after your
7 call to that 703 number you received an e-mail from
8 Mr. Goldstone at 4:20 p.m. in which he wrote "Emin
9 asked that I schedule a meeting with you and the
10 Russian government attorney who is flying over from
11 Moscow for this Thursday. I believe you are aware
12 of the meeting and so wondered if 3:00 p.m. or
13 later on Thursday works for you? I assume it would
14 be at your office."

15 Was this assumption correct, by that point
16 had you already discussed having the meeting?

17 A. Not that I recall, no.

18 Q. And I believe you noted in your statement
19 that Mr. Goldstone said he would send the names of
20 the two people meeting with you later that day, but
21 am I correct you're saying he never did send them?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Prior to the meeting on June 9, 2016 who
24 did you tell about the meeting or about
25 Mr. Goldstone's underlying offer to pass along

1 information from Russia?

2 A. I believe only Jared Kushner and Paul
3 Manafort, I made them aware of it.

4 Q. Was there anyone else?

5 A. No, not to my recollection.

6 Q. Did you inform your father about the
7 meeting or the underlying offer prior to the
8 meeting?

9 A. No, I did not.

10 Q. Regarding the people you did tell about
11 the meeting before hand, what did you tell them was
12 the purpose of the meeting?

13 A. I don't even know if I told them that as
14 covered in my statement. I believe I sent them the
15 e-mail and asked if they could attend.

16 Q. And how did you communicate with each of
17 the people, Mr. Manafort and Mr. Kushner, about the
18 meeting beforehand? Was it via e-mail or were there
19 phone calls?

20 A. I only recall e-mail, but I may have had a
21 conversation briefly.

22 Q. Looking back at Exhibit 1, the first page
23 includes an e-mail from you to Manafort at
24 12:02 p.m. on June 8, 2016 stating that the meeting
25 had been moved to 4:00 tomorrow at your office, to

1 which Mr. Manafort replied "See you then." Other
2 than this e-mail chain involving Mr. Goldstone,
3 you, and Mr. Manafort, did you send or receive any
4 e-mails before the June 9th meeting about it?

5 A. Not that I recall, no.

6 Q. What is your understanding of
7 Mr. Goldstone's work?

8 A. He's a music manager and I guess former
9 tabloid journalist.

10 Q. Has the Trump Organization ever paid
11 Mr. Goldstone for work he conducted?

12 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

13 Q. What is your understanding of
14 Mr. Goldstone's ties with the Russian government,
15 whether direct or indirect, past or present?

16 A. I'm not aware of any.

17 (DTJR Exhibit 3 was marked for
18 identification.)

19 BY MR. DAVIS:

20 Q. I'd like you to take a look at this e-mail
21 chain which I'll label Exhibit 3. This document is
22 Bates-stamped DJTJR-00893. This is an e-mail chain
23 between Mr. Goldstone and Rhona Graff from July
24 2015. You are not listed as a recipient. The
25 first e-mail chronologically is from Mr. Goldstone

1 to Ms. Graff on July 22, 2015 and states, in part,
2 "Emin has an e-mail invite for Mr. Trump to attend
3 his father's 60th birthday in Moscow on
4 November 8." Ms. Graff responded back on July 24,
5 2015 stating, in part, "I will certainly make
6 Mr. Trump aware of this invitation and I know he
7 will be honored that Emin thought of him. However,
8 given his presidential campaign it's highly
9 unlikely that he would have time on his calendar to
10 go to Moscow in November." Mr. Goldstone replies
11 on that same day stating, in part, "I totally
12 understand re Moscow, unless maybe he would welcome
13 a meeting with President Putin which Emin would set
14 up."

15 Were you aware of this supposed offer by
16 Mr. Goldstone to arrange via Emin a meeting between
17 Mr. Putin and your father?

18 A. Only in preparation for this testimony.

19 Q. Other than this e-mail chain and the
20 circumstances leading up to the June 9, 2016
21 meeting, are you aware of any other instances in
22 which Mr. Goldstone sought to arrange meetings
23 between Russian government officials and the Trump
24 campaign?

25 A. None that I can recall, no.

1 Q. What was your understanding of
2 Mr. Goldstone's relationship to then Candidate
3 Trump?

4 A. Mr. Goldstone's?

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. Other than I believe they had met at Miss
7 Universe, I'm not aware of any relationship between
8 Candidate Trump and Mr. Goldstone.

9 Q. Are you aware of any relationship between
10 the two of them since he's become President?

11 A. No, I'm not.

12 Q. And I believe you stated you first met
13 Emin Agalarov at an event, did you say, in
14 Florida?

15 A. Yes. I believe that was the first time we
16 met face to face. I don't know if we had gone back
17 and forth by phone or e-mail beforehand because I
18 know we were looking at a potential deal in Moscow
19 before that.

20 Q. How would you describe your relationship
21 with him?

22 A. We've met face to face two or three
23 occasions and we looked at a deal once. So casual
24 acquaintance.

25 Q. Would you say it's primarily a business

1 acquaintance, personal acquaintance, or a mixture
2 of the two?

3 A. All of our dealings have been business
4 related.

5 Q. Can you describe the projects in which the
6 Trump Organization has worked with him?

7 A. Well, it was the Miss Universe Pageant.
8 That was the only deal that ever occurred. Then we
9 looked at a real estate deal that was in close
10 proximity to the Crocus City Hall that I mentioned
11 in my opening statement, which would have been a
12 residential tower still to be designed with maybe
13 some retail components as a Trump-branded property.

14 Q. Are there any other projects in which the
15 Trump Organization has sought to work with him but
16 which have not yet come to fruition?

17 A. No, not that I recall.

18 Q. What is your understanding of Emin's ties
19 to the Russian government?

20 A. I'm not aware of specific ties.

21 Q. Are you aware of any --

22 MR. FOSTER: Are you aware of general ties?

23 MR. TRUMP: I'm not aware of official ties,
24 no.

25 MR. FOSTER: Any ties?

1 MR. TRUMP: I would only speculate, but
2 that's it.

3 BY MR. DAVIS:

4 Q. Are you aware of other instances in which
5 Emin sought to arrange meetings between the Trump
6 campaign and Russian government officials?

7 A. I'm not aware of that.

8 Q. And how do you know his father Aras
9 Agalarov?

10 A. I don't. I've never met Aras, to my
11 recollection.

12 (DTJR Exhibit 4 was marked for
13 identification.)

14 BY MR. DAVIS:

15 Q. I'd like you to take a look at an e-mail
16 and attachment Bates-stamped DJTJR-00442 and its
17 attachment which is 443. This is Exhibit 4.

18 A. Thank you.

19 Q. This e-mail is from Mr. Goldstone to you
20 and Rhona Graff sent on February 29, 2016. The
21 e-mail states, in part, "Emin's father has asked me
22 to pass on his congratulations in a letter enclosed
23 below for Mr. Trump on the eve of Super Tuesday
24 vote, offering his support and that of many of his
25 important Russian friends and colleagues,

1 especially with reference to U.S./Russian
2 relations."

3 The attached letter from Aras states, in
4 part, "Alongside with many people in this country
5 who appreciated your statement that U.S. and Russia
6 should work together more closely, all of us at
7 Crocus Group follow with great interest your bright
8 electoral campaign. On the eve of forthcoming
9 Super Tuesday we would like to wish you success in
10 winning this major ballot and further reinforcing
11 your undisputed status as the frontrunner for the
12 Republican nomination for U.S. presidential
13 election."

14 When you received this e-mail from
15 Mr. Goldstone referring to the support of Aras and
16 his many -- and many of his important Russian
17 friends, how did you interpret that statement?

18 A. I don't remember getting it, but I would
19 have interpreted it as casual congratulations.

20 Q. And did you view this message as general
21 Well-wishing or something more concrete?

22 A. General well-wishing.

23 Q. Returning to Exhibit 1, Mr. Goldstone
24 referenced the Crown prosecutor of Russia as being
25 the source offering the incriminating information

1 about Hillary Clinton and he later stated the
2 meeting would be with a Russian government
3 attorney. Did you believe that you would be
4 meeting with a law enforcement official from Russia
5 about criminal evidence regarding Hillary Clinton?

6 A. I did not know who I was going to be
7 meeting with.

8 Q. So prior to the meeting did you have any
9 reason to believe that there would be anyone
10 attending who had ties to Russian intelligence
11 service or had materials obtained through espionage
12 rather than criminal investigations or other
13 sources?

14 A. I did not.

15 Q. I'd like to turn now to the actual meeting
16 on June 9, 2016. Did anyone at the meeting offer
17 to release hacked e-mails to aid the Trump
18 campaign?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did anyone offer to manufacture and
21 distribute fake news to aid the Trump campaign?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did anyone offer to hack state voter
24 registration systems to obtain voter data to aid
25 the Trump campaign?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Was there any discussion of anything that
3 might reasonably be considered collusion between
4 the Trump campaign and the Russian government?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Mr. Goldstone's prior e-mail said he would
7 be bringing two people to meet with you and that
8 after bringing them to the meeting he would not sit
9 in. How many people did he actually bring to the
10 meeting, to the best of your recollection?

11 A. To the best of my recollection, he brought
12 four people, including himself.

13 Q. Did he explain this discrepancy between
14 what he told you he would do and what he actually
15 did?

16 A. Not that I recall.

17 Q. Did Mr. Goldstone stay for the meeting
18 itself, contrary to his prior representation to you?

19 A. Yes, he did.

20 Q. Who else attended the June 9th meeting in
21 New York City at Trump Tower? Please list anyone
22 who was present for any portion of the meeting,
23 however briefly, even if they did not attend the
24 entire meeting?

25 A. Jared Kushner, Paul Manafort, myself, the

1 female lawyer, I believe I mentioned Irakly
2 Kaveladze, Mr. Goldstone, and the translator, that
3 I recall. As I mentioned in my statement, people
4 have said there was an eighth person. I just can't
5 remember.

6 Q. You don't recall Rinat Akhmetshin being at
7 the meeting?

8 A. I've heard the name. I don't recall now.

9 Q. Were all of the attendees introduced?

10 A. I don't recall, but I imagine that's
11 likely.

12 MR. FOSTER: Let me just follow up. You said
13 you heard that name. You mean you've heard that
14 name since --

15 MR. TRUMP: I've heard that name as part of
16 the press report --

17 MR. FOSTER: At the time you had not.

18 MR. TRUMP: Yeah. At the time I had no idea,
19 no.

20 BY MR. DAVIS:

21 Q. To the best of your recollection how was
22 Ms. Veselnitskaya introduced?

23 A. As a lawyer.

24 Q. Did she or any other attendee claim that
25 she was a Russian government lawyer?

1 A. She did not.

2 Q. Mr. Goldstone's e-mail stated you would be
3 meeting with a Russian government attorney. Did he
4 explain this discrepancy?

5 A. He did not.

6 Q. Did you ask him?

7 A. I didn't.

8 Q. If not, why not?

9 A. I think because it became pretty apparent
10 that this wasn't going anywhere and we were all
11 looking to get back to our daily lives.

12 Q. Had you ever communicated with
13 Ms. Veselnitskaya prior to that meeting?

14 A. Not to my knowledge, no.

15 Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the
16 meeting from the Trump campaign had ever previously
17 interacted with her?

18 A. It did not.

19 Q. You've stated you have no recollection of
20 Mr. Akhmetshin attending the meeting. Were you
21 aware at the time that Mr. Akhmetshin and
22 Ms. Veselnitskaya were working with Fusion GPS?

23 A. I was not aware of that.

24 Q. Were you aware that Mr. Akhmetshin had a
25 long relationship with Glenn Simpson, the founder

1 of Fusion GPS?

2 A. I had never heard of Glenn Simpson or
3 Fusion GPS. I was not aware of it.

4 Q. So I assume, then, were you aware that
5 employees and subcontractors of Fusion GPS were
6 also working on opposition research on your father
7 at the time?

8 A. I've read that since, but I was not aware
9 at the time.

10 Q. Were you aware that Fusion GPS was behind
11 information presented to you regarding Bill Browder
12 and the Magnitsky Act?

13 A. I was not.

14 Q. Were you aware that Mr. Simpson from
15 Fusion GPS had dined with Ms. Veselnitskaya the
16 night before your meeting, had met with her the day
17 of, and dined with her again the night after your
18 meeting?

19 A. I was not.

20 Q. Do you recall how Mr. Samochornov was
21 introduced?

22 A. I don't recall him being introduced.

23 Q. Did he say what type of business he was in
24 or who he worked for?

25 A. Not that I recall, no.

1 Q. Did he or any other attendee claim that he
2 was working for the Russian government?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Had you ever communicated with him prior
5 to the meeting?

6 A. Not to my knowledge, no.

7 Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the
8 meeting from the Trump campaign had ever previously
9 interacted with him?

10 A. It did not.

11 Q. How was Mr. Kaveladze introduced?

12 A. He was introduced -- I actually don't
13 remember how he was introduced.

14 Q. And did you previously know Mr. Kaveladze?

15 A. I had previously communicated with him,
16 though I was not aware at the time, apparently he
17 goes by the name Ike informally. So I had
18 communicated with Ike when we were looking at the
19 real estate deal, but I didn't realize that Ike was
20 short for Irakly. I didn't kind of put the Dick/
21 Richard connection together there. So I did not
22 know and I was not aware that I had communicated
23 with him before.

24 Q. And at the meeting what did you understand
25 his business to be?

1 A. I don't recall.

2 Q. Did you -- did he state for whom he
3 worked?

4 A. Not that I remember, but he works for
5 Crocus.

6 Q. Were you aware at the time of the meeting
7 that he, among others, was linked to a government
8 inquiry in the early 2000s into possible money
9 laundering by U.S. corporations formed for Russian
10 entities?

11 A. I did not know that as I did not know
12 anyone who was coming into the room.

13 Q. Did any of the attendees claim to be
14 working for the Russian government?

15 A. No.

16 Q. You've already provided a description of
17 the meeting. I do have a few specific questions
18 about the content. Did Ms. Veselnitskaya or her
19 colleagues mention Bill Browder?

20 A. Not that I remember.

21 Q. Did they mention the Magnitsky Act?

22 A. Yes, they did.

23 Q. And did they discuss Russia's ban on U.S.
24 adoption of Russian children which was a response
25 to the Magnitsky Act?

1 A. Yes, they did.

2 Q. Did they ask that your father take any
3 action regarding the Magnitsky Act or the global
4 Magnitsky Act if elected?

5 A. Not specifically that I recall.

6 Q. Did they ask any --

7 MR. FOSTER: Do you have a general
8 recollection?

9 MR. TRUMP: I think it was clear that they
10 were against it, but we made them -- as I mentioned
11 in my statement, we made them aware that we were
12 private citizens, this isn't something we're doing
13 about adoption. While important to many people,
14 was not a campaign issue and wasn't going to be a
15 campaign issue, wasn't something we were talking
16 about. So we sort of used that as the way to move
17 on.

18 BY MR. DAVIS:

19 Q. Did anyone in the meeting mention the
20 Justice Department's lawsuit against Prevezon
21 Holdings?

22 A. It sounds familiar, but I can't recall if
23 that's something that was mentioned there or if it
24 was something that I've read about since.

25 Q. Did anyone at the meeting mention, or were

1 you otherwise aware at the time, that
2 Ms. Veselnitskaya is the lawyer representing
3 Prevezon Holdings and the Katsyv family?

4 A. I was not aware of that at the time.

5 Q. Were you aware at the time that Prevezon
6 Holdings is owned by a Russian businessman, Dennis
7 Katsyv, whose father was a Russian government
8 official?

9 A. I'm not aware of that.

10 Q. Were you aware at the time that the U.S.
11 Department of Justice had initiated a civil asset
12 forfeiture case against Prevezon Holdings arguing
13 that Prevezon received millions of dollars of
14 laundered money uncovered by Russian lawyer
15 Mr. Sergei Magnitsky?

16 A. Not that I recall, no.

17 Q. Were you aware that Ms. Veselnitskaya was
18 in court that day, before the June 9th meeting?

19 A. I believe the e-mail stated something to
20 that effect or that she was in there that day, but
21 I do not know that to be a fact.

22 Q. Did Ms. Veselnitskaya or her colleagues
23 ask that your father take any action regarding the
24 Justice Department's lawsuit against Prevezon
25 Holdings if elected?

1 A. Not that I remember.

2 Q. Since news of this meeting broke there
3 have been several news articles detailing efforts
4 by this same group to lobby on Capitol Hill to
5 overturn the Magnitsky Act around the same time
6 they met with you. Have you seen news accounts of
7 the anti-Magnitsky pitch Mr. Akhmetshin and
8 Ms. Veselnitskaya were pushing on Capitol Hill?

9 A. Since then, yes, I have.

10 Q. Do those news accounts of their lobbying
11 pitch on Capitol Hill generally match the
12 information they pitched to you in your meeting?

13 A. Again, I don't remember much from the
14 meeting because I didn't give it much credence at
15 the time, but generally speaking, it sounds fairly
16 familiar.

17 Q. Did Ms. Veselnitskaya or her colleagues
18 mention support of the DNC or RNC?

19 A. I believe they mentioned support of the
20 DNC.

21 Q. Can you elaborate on the context?

22 A. It generally started out as people with,
23 you know, perhaps general interest in Russia. I'm
24 not sure if they were U.S. or Russian based, but
25 business people who were supporters of the DNC and

1 perhaps Hillary Clinton were in some sort of tax
2 scheme to avoid paying taxes in both the United
3 States and Russia.

4 MR. FOSTER: Did she provide any names of who
5 these people were?

6 MR. TRUMP: Not that I remember. It was
7 fairly jumbled and didn't really seem all that
8 relevant to me. So I don't recall, but she may
9 have.

10 BY MR. DAVIS:

11 Q. What, if anything, did Ms. Veselnitskaya
12 and her colleagues offer you or the Trump campaign
13 during this meeting?

14 A. Nothing.

15 Q. What, if anything, did they ask of you or
16 the Trump campaign?

17 A. Nothing.

18 Q. Other than what we've already discussed,
19 what other topics were discussed at the meeting?

20 A. As I said, it started off with that sort
21 of tax scheme and, you know, quickly migrated to
22 Russian adoption and ultimately the Magnitsky Act.
23 That's really the extent of it.

24 Q. What was Ms. Veselnitskaya's role in the
25 meeting? Did she, through her translator, do most of

1 the talking for her side?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What was Mr. Kaveladze's role during the
4 meeting?

5 A. I don't recall him doing any talking.

6 Q. Did Mr. Samochornov do anything at the
7 meeting other than translate?

8 A. Not that I recall, no.

9 Q. And what was Mr. Goldstone's role during
10 the meeting?

11 A. He had none, he just sat in.

12 (DTJR Exhibit 5 was marked for
13 identification.)

14 BY MR. DAVIS:

15 Q. I'd like you to take a look at another
16 e-mail chain. This is one that's Bates-numbered
17 DJTJR-00454256. It will be labeled Exhibit 5.

18 A. Thank you.

19 Q. This is an e-mail from Mr. Goldstone to
20 Dan Scavino, copying you, Rhona Graff, and
21 Konstantin Sidorkov. It was sent on June 29, 2016.
22 It states, in part, "Dan, I am following up an
23 e-mail a while back of something I had mentioned to
24 Don and Paul Manafort during a meet recently.
25 There are believed to be around 2 million

1 Russian-American voters living in the USA and more
2 than 1.6 million of these use the Russian
3 'Facebook' site V Kontakte" -- K-O-N-T-A-K-T-E --
4 "VK as their preferred social media outlet. As I
5 mentioned to you guys through Emin and my contact
6 at VK, they want to create a Vote Trump 2016
7 promotion aired directly at these users, people who
8 will be voting in November. At the time Paul had
9 said he would welcome it. So I had the VK folks
10 mock up a basic sample page which I am resending
11 for your approval now."

12 To the best of your recollection, did
13 Mr. Goldstone discuss his VK proposal with you and
14 Mr. Manafort during the June 9, 2016 meeting?

15 A. No, not that I recall.

16 Q. Do you recall discussing it with him at
17 any other meeting?

18 A. I recall seeing the e-mails in preparation
19 for this, but, again, I didn't give it much.

20 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did the
21 Trump campaign ever pursue this?

22 A. I don't believe they did.

23 Q. So returning to the meeting, what did
24 Mr. Kushner do during the meeting? Did he ask any
25 questions or make any comments?

1 A. None that I recall. He showed up a few
2 minutes late and left a few minutes early to take a
3 phone call.

4 Q. What did Mr. Manafort do during the
5 meeting? Did he ask any questions or make any
6 comments?

7 A. Again, none that I recall, but I believe
8 he was on his phone as well.

9 Q. Did you take any notes at the meeting?

10 A. I didn't, no.

11 Q. Did anyone else as far as you could tell?

12 A. Not that I recall, no.

13 Q. You may have addressed this in your
14 opening statement, but did any of the attendees
15 bring any documents to the meeting?

16 A. None that I remember, no.

17 Q. To the best of your knowledge, what time
18 did the meeting begin and when did it end?

19 A. Approximately 4:00 p.m., plus or minus
20 maybe some tardiness, and it lasted, to the best of
21 my recollection, 20 minutes, maybe 30. Probably on
22 the shorter end of that spectrum.

23 Q. And how did the meeting conclude?

24 A. We went our separate ways and Rob
25 Goldstone came up to me and apologized.

1 Q. Did any attendee request additional
2 meetings or communications with you or any member
3 of the Trump campaign?

4 A. No, they did not.

5 MR. FOSTER: Can you tell us the best you can
6 the exact words of his apology, Mr. Goldstone's
7 apology?

8 MR. TRUMP: Essentially he apologized for
9 what he believed was wasting our time.

10 MR. FOSTER: You don't recall anything else?

11 MR. TRUMP: It was simply that I think. You
12 know, based on his initial e-mail to me and what
13 the meeting turned out to be, there was a pretty
14 substantial delta there. So that's what I
15 interpreted his apology to be.

16 BY MR. DAVIS:

17 Q. So to recap a few things, Mr. Goldstone
18 told you he was bringing two people to meet with
19 you, he brought more. He told you he would not
20 stay for the meeting, he did. He told you that
21 you'd be meeting with a Russian government
22 attorney, but she was not, at least not overtly.
23 And he told you they had ultrasensitive information
24 that would incriminate Hillary Clinton and her
25 dealings with Russia, but instead you say they

1 offered some general tax scheme information and
2 discussed the Magnitsky Act, according to your
3 account.

4 Was this sort of disconnect between what
5 Mr. Goldstone promised and what he actually
6 delivered characteristic of Mr. Goldstone as far as
7 you knew?

8 A. Again, understanding his background,
9 perhaps, but I don't know that I know him well
10 enough to make that assumption. I haven't spent
11 enough time with him to be able to know for sure.

12 Q. Do you think that he duped you into this
13 meeting under false pretenses he thought would grab
14 your attention?

15 A. I imagine there was an element of
16 showmanship involved, yes.

17 Q. Since the June 9th meeting have you had
18 any additional meetings or communications with
19 Ms. Veselnitskaya, Mr. Akhmetshin, Mr. Kaveladze,
20 or Mr. Samochornov?

21 A. No, none that I recall.

22 Q. After the meeting but prior to the news of
23 it breaking this summer, did you discuss the
24 meeting with anyone?

25 A. No, I did not.

1 Q. Did you discuss the Prevezon Holdings case
2 or the Magnitsky Act with anybody during that time
3 frame?

4 A. I wouldn't have even remembered those
5 things until I read about it in the news.

6 Q. So at the time what was your overall
7 assessment of the June 9th meeting?

8 A. I really didn't have much. You know,
9 coming out of it I didn't want to give it anymore
10 time and didn't have any real thoughts on it at
11 all.

12 (DTJR Exhibit 6 was marked for
13 identification.)

14 BY MR. DAVIS:

15 Q. I'd like to refer to the e-mail chain and
16 attachment Bates-numbered DJTJR-00245 to 248. This
17 is an e-mail sent on November 28, 2016 from
18 Mr. Goldstone to Rhona Graff, which she then
19 forwarded to Steve Bannon. Mr. Goldstone states in
20 part "Aras Agalarov has asked me to pass on this
21 document in the hope it can be passed on to the
22 appropriate team. If needed, a lawyer representing
23 the case is in New York currently and happy to meet
24 with any member of the transition team."

25 The attached document begins "One of the

1 key issues banning real reset of relations between
2 the U.S. and Russia is the U.S. position on the
3 continued support of the Sergei Magnitsky Rule of
4 Law Accountability Act of 2012." It goes on to
5 claim that the existing understanding of
6 Mr. Magnitsky's death is wrong, to cast aspersions
7 at Mr. Browder and Ziff brothers, claiming they
8 were some of the main sponsors of the Democrats.
9 It then also references Ms. Veselnitskaya's efforts
10 on Capitol Hill.

11 I'll give you a few moments to look over
12 this document.

13 (Witness reviewing document.)

14 BY THE WITNESS:

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. Do the contents of this document, other
17 than the references to events that happened after
18 your June 9, 2016 meeting, track with the
19 information presented to you at that meeting?

20 A. Again, I don't remember too many details
21 of it, but I think, generally speaking, yes, they
22 do. And Ziff brothers sounds familiar, but I don't
23 recall specifically.

24 Q. Were you aware that Mr. Goldstone sent
25 this document to the Trump Organization?

1 A. I only saw this in preparation for this.

2 So I was not, no.

3 Q. It appears Mr. Goldstone continued his
4 anti-Magnitsky effort beyond your June 9, 2016
5 meeting. Other than this e-mail, were you aware of
6 any other effort he made on this issue after your
7 meeting?

8 A. Not that I recall, no.

9 Q. Mr. Goldstone offered to have the lawyer
10 representing the case meet with the transition
11 team. Do you know if such a meeting ever occurred?

12 A. I do not.

13 (DTJR Exhibit 7 was marked for
14 identification.)

15 BY MR. DAVIS:

16 Q. On July 8th of this year the New York
17 Times broke the story about your June 2016 meeting.
18 I'll label the version of that article that is
19 currently on the Times Website as Exhibit 7. That
20 article included the following passage. "Donald
21 Trump, Junior had denied participating in any
22 campaign-related meeting with Russian nationals
23 when he was interviewed by the Times in March.
24 'Did I meet with people that were Russian? I'm
25 sure. I'm sure I did,' he said, 'but none that

1 were set up, none that I can think of at the
2 moment, and certainly none that I was representing
3 the campaign in any way, shape, or form.'"

4 MR. FUTERFAS: Sorry. What page are you
5 reading from?

6 MR. DAVIS: It's the third page.

7 MR. FOSTER: Fourth paragraph.

8 MR. FUTERFAS: Thank you very much.

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. "Asked at that time whether he had ever
11 discussed government policies related to Russia,
12 the younger Mr. Trump replied 'A hundred percent
13 no.'"

14 Did the Times accurately quote your March
15 statement to them?

16 A. I do not know. I imagine I was talking
17 about Russian government people, not Russian
18 nationals because I would have no way of knowing
19 how many people of Russian descent that I would
20 have met along the campaign trail every day for two
21 years.

22 Q. So how do you square this account with
23 what we now know about the June 9th meeting?

24 A. I think it's accurate when I'm talking
25 about Russian officials. Again, I don't know how I

1 would know if I met any Russian nationals along the
2 way. So I think that would be the discrepancy.

3 (DTJR Exhibit 8 and Exhibit 9
4 were marked for
5 identification.)

6 BY MR. DAVIS:

7 Q. So after the news of the meeting broke you
8 issued a few different statements. I'd like to
9 refer to them and ask you a few questions. This
10 will be Exhibit 8.

11 On July 8th of this year you issued a
12 statement about the meeting. "It was a short
13 introductory meeting. I asked Jared and Paul to
14 stop by. We primarily discussed a program about
15 the adoption of Russian children that was active
16 and popular with American families years ago and
17 was since ended by the Russian government, but it
18 was not a campaign issue at the time and there was
19 no follow-up. I was asked to attend the meeting by
20 an acquaintance but was not told the name of the
21 person I would be meeting with beforehand."

22 On July 9th you issued a second statement
23 "I was asked to have a meeting by an acquaintance I
24 knew from the 2013 Miss Universe Pageant with an
25 individual who I was told might have information

1 helpful to the campaign. I was not told her name
2 prior to the meeting. I asked Jared and Paul to
3 attend but told them nothing of substance.

4 We had a meeting in June 2016. After
5 pleasantries were exchanged the woman stated that
6 she had information that individuals connected to
7 Russia were funding the Democratic National
8 Committee and supporting Ms. Clinton. Her
9 statements were vague, ambiguous, and made no
10 sense. No details or supporting information was
11 provided or even offered. It quickly became clear
12 that she had no meaningful information.

13 She then changed subjects and began
14 discussing the adoption of Russian children and
15 mentioned the Magnitsky Act. It became clear to me
16 that this was the true agenda all along and that
17 the claims of potentially helpful information were
18 a pretext for the meeting. I interrupted and
19 advised her that my father was not an elected
20 official, but rather a private citizen, and that
21 her comments and concerns were better addressed if
22 and when he held public office.

23 The meeting lasted approximately 20 to 30
24 minutes. As it ended, my acquaintance apologized
25 for taking up our time. That was the end of it and

1 there was no further contact or follow-up of any
2 kind. My father knew nothing of the meeting or
3 these events."

4 On July 11th of this year you Tweeted a
5 version of the e-mail chain setting up the meeting
6 along with a statement. This will be Exhibit 9.
7 This statement reads "To everyone, in order to be
8 totally transparent I'm releasing the entire e-mail
9 chain of my e-mails with Rob Goldstone about the
10 meeting on June 9, 2016. The first e-mail on
11 June 3, 2016 was from Rob who was relating a
12 request from Emin, a person I knew from the 2013
13 Miss Universe Pageant near Moscow. Emin and his
14 father have a very highly respected company in
15 Moscow. The information they suggested they had
16 about Hillary Clinton I thought was political
17 opposition research.

18 I first wanted to just have a phone call,
19 but when that didn't work out they said the woman
20 would be in New York and asked if I would meet. I
21 decided to take the meeting. The woman, as she has
22 said publicly, was not a government official and,
23 as we have said, she had no information to provide
24 and wanted to talk about adoption policy and the
25 Magnitsky Act.

1 To put this in context, this occurred
2 before the current Russia fever was in vogue. As
3 Rob Goldstone said just today in the press, 'the
4 entire meeting was the most inane nonsense I ever
5 heard and I was actually agitated by it.'

6 Can you explain about how your statements
7 about the meeting evolved?

8 A. Well, I think they're all very consistent
9 with each other. The initial statement was
10 discussing exactly what the meeting was about. It
11 ended up being about that. It did not talk about
12 what got them into the door and I didn't expand on
13 it because I didn't think it was relevant to
14 discuss what the meeting was not actually about
15 even if that's what the e-mail was. As more
16 questions were asked and more information was
17 requested we released more information and went
18 into greater detail.

19 Q. The Washington Post has since reported
20 that your father was involved in drafting your
21 July 8th statement. Is that correct?

22 A. I don't know. I never spoke to my father
23 about it.

24 Q. Do you know who did draft that statement?

25 A. Well, there were numerous statements

1 drafted with counsel and other people were involved
2 and, you know, opined.

3 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did the
4 President provide any edits to the statement or
5 other input?

6 A. He may have commented through Hope Hicks.

7 Q. And do you know if his comments provided
8 through Hope Hicks were incorporated into the final
9 statement?

10 A. I believe some may have been, but this was
11 an effort through lots of people, mostly counsel.

12 Q. Did you ask him to provide any assistance
13 with the statement?

14 A. No. She asked if I wanted to actually
15 speak to him, and I chose not to because I didn't
16 want to bring him into something that he had
17 nothing to do with.

18 Q. Do you know how many drafts of the
19 statement were made?

20 A. We had a longer version and a shorter
21 version and there were probably multiple iterations
22 of each of those.

23 Q. And do you know how many people worked on
24 the draft and who they were?

25 A. I don't know.

1 Q. Do you have copies of each draft
2 statement?

3 A. I don't know. Counsel would.

4 Q. Did you communicate with any of the other
5 participants in the June 9th meeting to discuss any
6 of your public statements?

7 A. Not that I recall. I may have, but
8 certainly not before the first statement.

9 Q. Moving on, how would you characterize the
10 Trump Organization's business relationships with
11 Russia?

12 A. Other than we hosted the Miss Universe
13 Pageant there, they don't exist.

14 Q. How many times have you visited Russia?

15 A. I believe the answer is four, but it could
16 be four or five.

17 Q. On those trips were you representing the
18 Trump Organization?

19 A. On one of them I was giving a speech at a
20 high-end Russian real estate conference. The other
21 were looking at deals. So in a round-about way,
22 yes, but one was really representing myself.

23 Q. And I believe you may have said this in
24 your opening statement, but when was the last time
25 you visited Russia?

1 A. I believe it was 2011.

2 Q. It's been reported that in late 2015 or
3 2016 when now President Trump was running for
4 office the Trump Organization was pursuing a plan
5 to develop a massive Trump Tower in Moscow. Is
6 that accurate?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did the fact that now President Trump was
9 running a campaign at the time affect that
10 development in any way?

11 A. I think not at that stage, no, it had not.

12 Q. Has it since?

13 A. Yes. We've agreed not to do any deals
14 internationally because of potential conflict
15 issues.

16 Q. How would you describe President Trump's
17 personal business associations in Russia?

18 A. Again, other than casual ones we've
19 discussed here, I don't believe he has very many,
20 if any, others.

21 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that
22 your father either during the campaign or as
23 President has made any policy decisions with
24 respect to Russia based on any potential business
25 deals with them in the future?

1 A. Absolutely not.

2 Q. Do you know Sergei Millian?

3 A. Not that I'm aware of.

4 Q. Are you aware of him having any role in
5 the Trump campaign?

6 A. No, I'm not.

7 Q. Has he had any role at the Trump
8 Organization, to the best of your knowledge?

9 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

10 Q. Do you know Boris Epshteyn?

11 A. Yes, I do.

12 Q. How would you describe your relationship
13 with him?

14 A. Casual. He was an effective surrogate on
15 the campaign and that's about the extent.

16 Q. Do you recall what title he had, if any,
17 on the campaign?

18 A. I don't recall that, but I know -- I
19 believe it was largely in communications.

20 Q. Are you aware of any connections he may
21 have had with the Russian government?

22 A. I'm not, no.

23 Q. Are you aware of Alfa Bank?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did any officials on the Trump campaign

1 ever discuss Alfa Bank with you?

2 A. No, they did not.

3 Q. As you may be aware, there were news
4 reports during the campaign that the Trump
5 Organization may have received and sent electronic
6 communications with Alfa Bank. The campaign
7 responded that's not accurate. Is it correct to
8 say that the Trump Organization has no relationship
9 with Alfa Bank or to the extent that you're aware
10 of it?

11 A. I'm not aware of any relationship.

12 Q. When did you first meet Paul Manafort?

13 A. I believe it would have been sometime
14 spring of '16, before the Republican National
15 Convention.

16 Q. What was the nature of your relationship
17 with him?

18 A. He became our campaign chairman and I
19 worked with him accordingly.

20 Q. What was your understanding of
21 Mr. Manafort's business prior to joining the
22 campaign?

23 A. I understood that he worked on numerous
24 political campaigns and he was brought on primarily
25 because I guess he had expertise and experience in

1 contested conventions, which is something that we
2 were concerned about at the time.

3 Q. Are you aware of any ties, direct or
4 indirect, past or present, between Mr. Manafort and
5 the Russian government?

6 A. I've read that since, but I'm not aware of
7 anything specific, no.

8 Q. Were you aware of Mr. Manafort's
9 relationship with and work on behalf of Viktor
10 Yanukovych?

11 A. Again, I've heard that since, but not at
12 the time, no.

13 Q. Did you ever discuss Ukraine, Ukrainian
14 interests, Ukrainian politicians, or Ukrainian
15 business with Mr. Manafort?

16 A. No, not that I recall.

17 Q. Do you know Konstantin Kilimnik?

18 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

19 Q. Do you know Carter Page?

20 A. I've heard the name since, but I
21 wouldn't -- I didn't know who that was at the time,
22 no.

23 Q. Did you have any communications with him
24 during the campaign that you recall?

25 A. Not that I recall. That doesn't mean I

1 didn't run into him, you know, if he was at a
2 campaign meet or something like that, just to be
3 very clear. If you put him in this room today I
4 probably wouldn't be able to tell you who he was.

5 Q. Do you know George Papadopoulos?

6 A. Yes. The name sounds familiar.

7 Q. Do you know when you first met him?

8 A. I have no idea.

9 Q. What's the nature of your relationship
10 with him or how do you know him?

11 A. I believe he worked on the campaign and I
12 know the name, but that's about the extent of what
13 I recall at this time.

14 Q. What is your understanding of his work for
15 the campaign?

16 A. I don't recall at this time.

17 Q. Did you have any reason to believe that he
18 had ties with the Russian government?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Do you know Rick Gates?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. When did you first meet him?

23 A. Sometime along, you know, on the campaign.

24 Q. And what was the nature of your
25 relationship with him?

1 A. I knew he had done some work with Paul
2 and, you know, was working with him. So as it
3 related to that I would communicate with Rick
4 occasionally.

5 Q. Was he affiliated with the Trump campaign?

6 A. Actually I don't know if he was affiliated
7 officially, but he did work, you know, especially
8 work with Paul Manafort and such. So...

9 Q. Can you describe what his role was within
10 that work to the extent you know?

11 A. As I recall, some of it had to do with
12 probably communications. Others had to do with
13 more general stuff as it related to what Paul was
14 doing as campaign chairman in the organization, but
15 I don't recall the specific title or role, what it
16 would have been.

17 MR. DAVIS: I think this is a good stopping
18 point for us. We'll take a short break.

19 MR. FOSTER: We'll go off the record at
20 10:45.

21 (A short break was had.)

22 MS. SAWYER: We'll go back on the record.
23 It's about 10:59.

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EXAMINATION

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Again, my name is Heather Sawyer. I work with Senator Feinstein. I have some of my colleagues here. I'll do the primary questioning this round. They may have a few follow-up. We will not speak over each other, but if at any point anything I'm asking you is unclear, let me know and I'll be happy to clarify.

A. Thank you.

Q. In working for the campaign did you have a campaign e-mail address?

A. I did not, no.

Q. Did you have a personal address that you ever used?

A. Not for campaign issues, no.

Q. Okay. So the only e-mail address that you used would have been the Trump Organization e-mail address?

A. I believe so, yes.

Q. What about phones, did you have a campaign phone?

A. I did not.

Q. Personal phone?

A. One and the same. I have one phone.

1 Q. Do you have a landline at work?

2 A. I do, yes.

3 Q. Do you know whether that landline has a
4 private branch exchange that enables it to track
5 calls to your particular number?

6 A. I don't know, no.

7 Q. Do you know whether or not there was a
8 search for any logs from that in responding to the
9 Committee's request for information?

10 A. I'll defer to counsel because they did all
11 the searches, but I believe so.

12 MR. FUTERFAS: I've never heard the terms
13 you've just used about the branch something, but
14 we're happy to look into the question.

15 MS. SAWYER: Thank you.

16 MR. FUTERFAS: What were the terms that you
17 used?

18 MS. SAWYER: The term I used was private
19 branch exchange. I think that -- I'm no technical
20 expert, but I think that will work and maybe
21 someone who is will understand better. Or PBX.

22 MR. FUTERFAS: Okay.

23 MR. PRIVOR: More generally the question is
24 do you have logs of telephone calls? Usually phone
25 records break it down by extension.

1 MS. SAWYER: And if so, we would ask that you
2 search and produce any relevant call information
3 from that.

4 MR. FUTERFAS: We'll find that out and do so
5 if it can be searched.

6 MR. TRUMP: If we haven't already.

7 MR. FUTERFAS: I just don't know. That part
8 I don't know.

9 BY MS. SAWYER:

10 Q. In speaking with my colleagues you
11 described the campaign as chaotic. Did you keep a
12 calendar?

13 A. I imagine very generally, but not anything
14 specific. You know, if I had appointments they
15 would likely be in my calendar, yes.

16 Q. So you had a calendar. Would that reflect
17 both work appointments and campaign appointments if
18 you had them?

19 A. Yes, it would.

20 Q. And have you produced those calendar
21 entries for the Committee or would you go ahead and
22 do so?

23 MR. FUTERFAS: We have to the extent they've
24 been responsive, yes. In fact, I think -- I don't
25 know if the prior question alluded, but to the

1 extent there was a calendar, I think there was a
2 calendar entry to that meeting.

3 BY THE WITNESS:

4 A. I alluded to that in my opening
5 statement.

6 Q. We'll check through and if we have
7 follow-up, we'll follow up with your lawyers.

8 How often during the campaign did you
9 speak with your father?

10 A. It would very much depend on the week.
11 Some weeks it could be quite often, some weeks it
12 would be not at all. Most of the time for me it
13 didn't make sense to be where he was. He's sort of
14 a big personality, creates sort of a vacuum. So I
15 went and focused on areas where he wasn't.

16 Q. Do you have offices in Trump Tower?

17 A. I do.

18 Q. During the campaign he also had offices in
19 Trump Tower?

20 A. He did, yes.

21 Q. And how close are your offices to his
22 offices?

23 A. He's a floor above my offices.

24 Q. In general terms during the campaign what
25 percentage of your time on any given day was

1 devoted to campaign activities?

2 A. It could vary greatly from zero to a
3 hundred percent depending on the time and place.

4 Q. Now, I want to go back and talk to you a
5 little bit about the exchange you had with Rob
6 Goldstone. He sent you an e-mail on June 3rd with
7 the subject line "Russia-Clinton, private and
8 confidential"?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. You told my colleagues earlier you were
11 not expecting this e-mail. Do you recall where you
12 were when you received it?

13 A. I don't, no.

14 Q. Your response says that you were on the
15 road. Do you recall that you were traveling at the
16 time?

17 A. I don't recall that, no.

18 Q. Is it possible that you were traveling
19 with the campaign?

20 A. That is possible, yes.

21 Q. And would there be records that might
22 reflect where you were on that particular day,
23 June 3rd, when you received this e-mail?

24 A. I imagine there may be something, yes.

25 MS. SAWYER: And would you produce if -- if

1 there is, would you produce that documentation to
2 the Committee?

3 MR. FUTERFAS: I have no objection to that.

4 BY MS. SAWYER:

5 Q. When you got the e-mail did you discuss it
6 with anyone?

7 A. No, not that I recall.

8 Q. It came to you on a Friday. Did you talk
9 to anyone about it over the weekend?

10 A. Not that I remember, no.

11 Q. Is it possible that you spoke with anyone
12 about it?

13 A. It is possible, but I don't recall doing
14 it.

15 Q. You got an e-mail with a title
16 "Russia-Clinton, private and confidential," you
17 didn't mention that to Paul Manafort?

18 A. Other than I forwarded the e-mail to him
19 to invite them to the meeting, I didn't discuss it
20 with him to my recollection, no.

21 Q. And you said you forwarded it. That was
22 the only time you recall discussing it with him?

23 A. That's the only time I recall, yes.

24 Q. And Exhibit 1 which you reviewed with my
25 colleagues indicates that you forwarded it on

1 June 8, 2016. At that point there's just a
2 reference to "Meeting got moved to 4:00 tomorrow at
3 my office," Mr. Manafort responds "See you then."
4 Had you not discussed the meeting with him before
5 that time?

6 A. I don't recall discussing it with him at
7 that time, but I may have.

8 Q. How would he have known what this meeting
9 was about if you had not discussed it with him?

10 A. I don't know.

11 Q. Did he ever ask you about it?

12 A. Not that I recall.

13 Q. This particular document, Donald J. Trump,
14 Junior Exhibit 1, bears a Bates --

15 A. Excuse me one second. Someone took my
16 Exhibit 1. I don't seem to see it here.

17 Q. It has a Bates number DJTFP. I think that
18 stands for Donald J. Trump For President. Your
19 lawyers also produced to the Committee a version of
20 the e-mail, but it did not include that forward
21 from Mr. Manafort. We have a version of that and
22 we can enter it as Exhibit 10, but this one does
23 show that it was sent to you at the [REDACTED].
24 Do you know why this version was not produced to
25 the Committee?

1 A. I do not know.

2 (DJTJR Exhibit 10 was marked
3 for identification.)

4 BY MS. SAWYER:

5 Q. I'm going to give you Exhibit 10.

6 A. Thank you.

7 Q. Do you recall seeing what has been marked
8 as Exhibit 1 at the time with a response from
9 Mr. Manafort?

10 A. I recall seeing it in preparation for
11 this. I don't recall it at the time.

12 Q. I'm sorry. Exhibit 1 you saw in
13 preparation for this or Exhibit 10?

14 A. I may have seen both. I don't know. If I
15 could see the differences.

16 (Whereupon a discussion was had
17 sotto voce.)

18 BY THE WITNESS:

19 A. I guess I'm not sure which one, if not
20 both.

21 Q. With regard to the document that's marked
22 Exhibit 10, which is the one that your lawyers
23 produced to the Committee, does that e-mail capture
24 the entire exchange about this meeting barring what
25 was the response from Mr. Manafort that does not

1 seem to be captured there?

2 MR. FUTERFAS: Just so the record's clear,
3 there were multiple custodians to this e-mail. So
4 if the campaign produced an e-mail, the campaign
5 may have because different custodians were being
6 searched. We have found that there was -- I think
7 there was a few words that are additional to
8 Exhibit 10, including the "See you then," and I
9 think we also found earlier on there was another --
10 again, another similar kind of brief exchange, but
11 I think that was a function of the different
12 custodians that were participating in this little
13 dialogue.

14 BY MS. SAWYER:

15 Q. We can talk off the record about the other
16 change, but with regard to the document that was
17 produced to the committee, Exhibit 10, to the best
18 of your knowledge, is that the full exchange?

19 A. Well, whichever one is the longer I
20 believe is the full exchange. I don't know, but
21 I'm not aware of anything else.

22 Q. Has it been altered in any way?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Have any of the communications been
25 removed by anyone?

1 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

2 Q. You released a version of the e-mail by
3 Twitter. How did you decide what version of the
4 e-mail chain to release?

5 A. I don't know. It's the version I pulled
6 up.

7 Q. And did you consult with anyone in
8 deciding to do that?

9 MR. FUTERFAS: Aside from counsel?

10 MS. SAWYER: Yes, aside from counsel.

11 BY THE WITNESS:

12 A. All those conversations counsel was
13 involved.

14 Q. Okay. And did you seek their advice?

15 A. Counsel?

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And who was representing you?

19 A. The two gentlemen here, Alan Garten and
20 Alan Futerfas.

21 Q. And they were representing you personally?

22 A. Yes, I believe so.

23 MR. FUTERFAS: Yes.

24 BY MS. SAWYER:

25 Q. And they were involved in all the

1 conversations you had about release of that e-mail?

2 A. Yes, they were.

3 Q. So you received this e-mail from
4 Mr. Goldstone, the e-mail that starts the chain
5 that's contained on both Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 10 I
6 believe, and you respond within 20 minutes even
7 though you're on the road. What did you understand
8 him to be offering?

9 A. You know, again, I didn't know what
10 exactly to make of the e-mail. I saw what it said,
11 but I had no way of gauging its credibility or
12 reliability. I think especially knowing Goldstone
13 and his personality I imagine there was a discount
14 factor to anything that was written.

15 Q. Had you or the campaign gotten other
16 offers of assistance from Russia?

17 A. No, not that I'm aware of.

18 Q. So this would have been the first offer of
19 assistance from Russia?

20 MR. FUTERFAS: Object to the form of the
21 question. Mr. Goldstone says what Mr. Goldstone
22 says. You're characterizing it as an offer of
23 assistance from Russia. We only know what
24 Mr. Goldstone says. So I object to the form.

25 BY MS. SAWYER:

1 Q. Okay. On its face, I'll just read it,
2 "The crown prosecutor of Russia met with his father
3 Aras" -- I took that to mean Aras Agalarov -- "this
4 morning and in their meeting offered to provide the
5 Trump campaign with some official documents and
6 information that would incriminate Hillary and her
7 dealings with Russia and would be very useful to
8 your father. This is obviously very high level and
9 sensitive information but is part of Russia and its
10 government's support for Mr. Trump - helped along
11 by Aras and Emin."

12 Did you ask Mr. Goldstone what that meant?

13 A. I did not, no.

14 Q. Were you surprised when you read that
15 offer?

16 A. As I said, I wasn't sure what to make of
17 it.

18 Q. Did it alarm you in any way?

19 A. I don't know that it alarmed me, but like
20 I said, I don't know and I don't know that I was
21 all that focused on it at the time.

22 Q. And why wouldn't that alarm you?

23 A. I don't know because I don't remember
24 thinking about it at the time.

25 Q. So you responded in 20 minutes to an

1 e-mail that on its face offered sensitive
2 information but is part of Russia and you didn't
3 think about it at the time?

4 A. I may have thought about it at the time.
5 I don't recall thinking about it at the time. And
6 I responded in 20 minutes because if I get an
7 e-mail I respond to it. If I see it, I respond.
8 And, again, I didn't follow up. I don't know that
9 I ever followed up other than in response to Rob
10 following up with me three days later.

11 Q. And in your response it says "If it's what
12 you say, I love it, especially later in the
13 summer." Specifically what did you love about it?

14 A. As I said in my statement, it was a
15 colloquial term used to say, hey, great, thank you.
16 I didn't want to deal with anything right now. We
17 had other stuff we had to worry about, namely a
18 potential contested convention. We were in the
19 process of replacing Corey Lewandowski, who was the
20 campaign manager, with Paul Manafort. There was a
21 lot of stuff on our plate.

22 Q. All right, but more specifically you say
23 "If it's what you say, I love it." What was the
24 "it" that you loved in that e-mail?

25 MR. FUTERFAS: I object. I think Mr. Trump

1 has answered -- I'll, of course, let him answer,
2 but I think that question has been asked and he's
3 answered it.

4 BY THE WITNESS:

5 A. Potential information about an opponent.

6 Q. Potential incriminating information on
7 Hillary Clinton?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And what about the thing that says "It is
10 part of Russia and its government's support for
11 Mr. Trump," did you also love that?

12 A. I don't know. I don't recall.

13 Q. Did you understand that that would be
14 problematic?

15 A. I didn't think that listening to someone
16 with information relevant to the fitness and
17 character of a presidential candidate would be an
18 issue, no.

19 Q. So you believed at the time that this
20 would be potentially useful information to your
21 father?

22 A. No. I agreed to listen and I was willing
23 to listen and that's the extent of it.

24 Q. But you did not believe it would be
25 potentially very useful to your father and the

1 campaign?

2 MR. FUTERFAS: I think that question's been
3 asked and answered now three times. I'll let you
4 answer it again, but my objection stands for the
5 record.

6 BY THE WITNESS:

7 A. Again, I didn't know what to make of it.
8 I was willing to listen to him. As it turns out,
9 my instincts were correct because it was none of
10 those things.

11 Q. And in your e-mail you say "Love it,
12 especially later in the summer." What did that
13 part of your e-mail mean?

14 A. It means this wasn't something that I
15 wanted to give much focus to, again, given the fact
16 we were dealing with a potential contested
17 convention and the very reality of having to
18 replace a campaign manager mid primaries.

19 Q. In that first e-mail Mr. Goldstone
20 suggests and says that he could "Send this info to
21 your father via Rhona, but it is ultrasensitive so
22 wanted to send to you first." You had indicated to
23 my colleague that Rhona -- that refers to Rhona
24 Graff?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. And what role does she play in the Trump
2 Organization?

3 A. He was my father's assistant.

4 Q. And do all communications to your father
5 go through her?

6 A. I don't know about all, but a lot would
7 have, yes.

8 Q. Does she answer his phone and handle his
9 appointments?

10 A. Someone else would likely answer the
11 phone, but she would handle his appointments and
12 schedule, yes.

13 Q. Could or would someone contact your father
14 without first contacting Rhona Graff?

15 A. People could, yes.

16 Q. And would Mr. Goldstone be one of those
17 persons?

18 A. Would he be able to contact my father?

19 Q. Directly.

20 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

21 Q. Do you know if he sent this to Rhona
22 Graff?

23 A. I do not.

24 Q. Did you ever ask her if he did?

25 A. I did not ask her that, no.

1 Q. Did you ever ask him not to send it to
2 her?

3 A. I did not.

4 Q. Did you agree that this was
5 "ultrasensitive"?

6 A. I didn't know what it was. I don't know
7 that anything here is ultrasensitive.

8 Q. Did you tell your father about this
9 e-mail?

10 A. I did not.

11 Q. Did you tell Mr. Manafort?

12 A. As I said, I don't recall telling him
13 anything about it other than the exchange as it
14 relates to setting up the meeting.

15 Q. What about Mr. Kushner?

16 A. Same.

17 Q. Anyone else?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Why wouldn't you share it with your father
20 given your response that you loved it, especially
21 later in the summer?

22 A. Because I wouldn't bring him anything
23 that's unsubstantiated, especially from a guy like
24 Rob, before I knew what it was actually about
25 myself.

1 Q. Now, Mr. Goldstone suggests in his e-mail
2 that you speak with Emin directly, and you had
3 indicated and my colleague had you go through a
4 call log, a page of call log. Do you recall -- I'm
5 going to actually introduce for the record another
6 exhibit and we're going to mark this one
7 Exhibit 11.

8 (DJTJR Exhibit 11 was marked
9 for identification.)

10 BY MS. SAWYER:

11 Q. So this is a document produced by your
12 attorneys. It's got Bates number DJTJR-00851 to
13 00865. So I think it's about 14 pages. I believe
14 this is your -- it says down on the front page "Don
15 Junior iPhone Trump" and it appears to be a bill
16 cycle from [REDACTED] from 6/1/16 to 6/30/16. So these
17 are the -- as I understand it, the complete record
18 of your phone for that month. I just want to start
19 and direct your attention for the moment to page
20 855, which is the page that I believe my
21 colleagues --

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. PRIVOR: It's the same as Exhibit 2, that
24 page.

25 BY MS. SAWYER:

1 Q. Yes, that page is the same as Exhibit 2.

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. So you spoke with my colleagues about a
4 couple calls that occurred on 6/6. One was an
5 incoming call at 4:04 p.m. You said you believe
6 that might have been Emin?

7 A. I believe that's correct, yes.

8 Q. But you don't recall whether you spoke to
9 him or what you discussed?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And then you didn't recall the next call,
12 which was a blocked call, who that would have been
13 to?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And then another call at 4:31, again
16 Russia, this is not incoming. So it looks like you
17 may have called. That's three minutes long?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Do you recall whether you actually reached
20 Emin?

21 A. I don't recall if I actually reached him,
22 no.

23 Q. So at this point in time on June 6th
24 you're still not sure exactly from Emin's
25 perspective what this meeting is about?

1 A. As far as I remember, yes.

2 Q. There's a blocked call at 8:40 that day.

3 Do you know who that call was with?

4 A. I don't.

5 Q. Do you know why it's unredacted here?

6 There's a lot of calls that are redacted.

7 Apparently it was deemed relevant. Do you know why
8 that was?

9 A. I do not know. Perhaps only to not --

10 MR. FUTERFAS: For the record, we -- because
11 we did not know and could not make a determination
12 of relevance or not relevance, we produced blocked
13 calls. Obviously the blacked-out portions,
14 redacted portions we could identify who the caller
15 was, what the exchange was, and then we could
16 determine relevance, but because we couldn't
17 determine it one way or another we left them in.

18 MR. PRIVOR: That true for all the blocked
19 calls?

20 MR. FUTERFAS: Yes.

21 BY MS. SAWYER:

22 Q. Does your father used a blocked number on
23 his cell phone or on any phones that you call him
24 on?

25 A. I don't know.

1 Q. So you don't know whether or not this
2 might have been your father?

3 A. I don't.

4 Q. What about Mr. Kushner, does he use a
5 blocked number?

6 A. I don't believe so, no.

7 Q. And what about Mr. Manafort?

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. The next day, June 7th, a little further
10 down the page there's a call at 12:44, an incoming
11 call, the same number with a 7 extension from
12 Russia. Do you recall speaking to Emin on that
13 day?

14 A. I don't, no.

15 Q. Is it possible that you did?

16 A. It's possible that I did, yes.

17 Q. But you don't recall exchanging any
18 substantive conversation about the e-mail that
19 Mr. Goldstone had sent or the meeting?

20 A. No, I don't. Again, this shows that it
21 was a two-minute call, which is 60 seconds --
22 between 60 seconds and a minute 59. So I can't
23 imagine much substantive would have transferred in
24 that period of time, which is what led me to say --
25 or question whether there was perhaps voicemail

1 and/or playing phone tag.

2 Q. But you don't recall?

3 A. I don't recall, no.

4 Q. The next unblocked -- unredacted call is a
5 call at 4:07 p.m., it says "Arlington, VA" and has
6 a 703 number. You indicated to my colleagues you
7 didn't recall who that was. Is that the case?

8 A. I don't know who it is now, no, I don't.

9 Q. Would you be surprised if I told you that
10 a Google search shows that's Paul Manafort's
11 number?

12 A. I don't know. It may be.

13 Q. You don't recall speaking with him on
14 June 7th?

15 A. No, I don't recall that.

16 Q. You don't recall speaking to him that day
17 about this meeting?

18 A. No, I don't.

19 Q. Or the e-mail from Mr. Goldstone?

20 A. No. I spoke to Paul quite often.

21 Q. Then just to take you back a page on this
22 same exhibit to 854, just go back one page.

23 A. Okay.

24 Q. You'll see "Sunday, 6/5" at the bottom of
25 that page.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And as I indicated to you earlier, you got
3 the e-mail from Mr. Goldstone on a Friday. On
4 Sunday there are two calls that have been
5 unredacted. One's at 4:28 to Arlington, Virginia,
6 same number, Mr. Manafort's number. Do you recall
7 speaking to him on that Sunday?

8 A. I don't, no.

9 Q. Do you know if you spoke to him possibly
10 on that Sunday about Mr. Goldstone's e-mail or that
11 meeting?

12 A. No. I don't recall having those
13 conversations.

14 Q. About 15 minutes later there's another
15 call to New York, New York, 917. Do you know whose
16 number that is?

17 A. I could probably find out, but I don't
18 know off the top of my head.

19 Q. If I told you that a search of -- a Google
20 search of that indicates that it's Mr. Kushner's
21 number, would that surprise you?

22 A. No.

23 Q. And do you recall speaking with him on
24 that Sunday?

25 A. No, I don't.

1 Q. You don't recall speaking with him 15
2 minutes after you spoke with Mr. Manafort?

3 A. No, I don't, but if we did, that was
4 something that could happen every day on a
5 campaign, dealing with two of the top people on a
6 campaign.

7 Q. And you had received this e-mail two days
8 earlier with the title "Russia-Clinton, private and
9 confidential," but you don't believe -- do you
10 believe that you would have mentioned to them --
11 that to them when you spoke to them over that
12 weekend?

13 A. I just don't recall. I could have, but I
14 don't remember doing it.

15 Q. Was it so unremarkable to have received
16 this e-mail that it would not have been something
17 you would want to raise with them?

18 A. I think I would have wanted to speak to
19 Emin or someone else first, but it's not out of the
20 realm of possibility, no.

21 Q. And then when you spoke to Emin you didn't
22 get substantive information, but you were willing
23 to go forward with the meeting. Why was that?

24 A. Well, I don't recall saying I ever spoke
25 to Emin. I'm not sure, but Rob and Emin were

1 acquaintances and it would be pretty customary for
2 me to give a friend a few moments.

3 Q. You decided, though, to not just give a
4 few of your own moments, but to ask Mr. Manafort
5 who you described in the e-mail as the campaign
6 boss. Did you do that not knowing and having
7 verified what you believe that meeting was going to
8 be about?

9 A. Can you repeat the question, please?

10 Q. Sure. You didn't only give a few minutes
11 of your own time. You elected to bring in
12 Mr. Manafort, who you describe as the campaign boss
13 in an e-mail, and Mr. Kushner. So you devoted your
14 time, the campaign boss's time, and Mr. Kushner's
15 time, and you did so without having confirmed what
16 you believed this meeting was going to be about?

17 A. Yes, I believe so.

18 Q. You believe you did not know what the
19 meeting was going to be about going into it?

20 A. I had an understanding of what Rob wrote.
21 I had, to my recollection, no way of verifying
22 whether that was true because I don't remember
23 having any conversations about it. They work in
24 the same building and oftentimes on the same floor
25 as me. So it wouldn't be unc customary for me to go

1 into them and say, hey, swing into something as
2 they've probably done to me hundreds of times prior
3 to that.

4 Q. When you forwarded them the e-mail on
5 June 8 -- and, again, your message to them just
6 says "Meeting got moved to 4:00 tomorrow at my
7 offices" and it did include that entire e-mail
8 chain?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did Mr. Manafort ask you any questions
11 about that meeting?

12 A. Not that I recall.

13 Q. Do you recall discussing it with him at
14 all before you went into the meeting?

15 A. I don't, no.

16 Q. What about Mr. Kushner, did he ask you any
17 questions about the meeting?

18 A. Again, not that I remember.

19 Q. Did you discuss it with him at all before
20 you went into the meeting?

21 A. Not that I remember, no.

22 Q. My colleague showed you some other
23 exhibits where Mr. Goldstone or the Agalarovs had
24 forwarded information, pleasantries to Rhona to
25 give to your father?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Here's an instance of something described
3 as ultrasensitive information. If those exchanges
4 were routinely given to Rhona and then given to
5 your father, why wasn't this passed on to your
6 father?

7 MR. FUTERFAS: I object to the form of the
8 question. Actually, could you rephrase the
9 question? It could be that my objection is ill
10 advised. Could you rephrase the question? I
11 thought you were asking why didn't Rob send -- I
12 thought you were inquiring about the state of mind
13 about Rob Goldstone, but maybe you were asking
14 something different. So if you could rephrase it?

15 MS. SAWYER: Sure.

16 BY MS. SAWYER:

17 Q. Our colleague showed you a number of
18 exhibits showing that when well wishes or
19 information from Mr. Goldstone or the Agalarovs
20 came to your father they were passed on to your
21 father. In this case there's information that's
22 described as very useful to your father's campaign.
23 Why wasn't that shared with him?

24 A. Because I don't know that I was ever the
25 person sharing that information or those well

1 wishes with my father, and Rhona is not, to my
2 knowledge, on this initial e-mail.

3 Q. And the document you're referring to has a
4 number of notes on it?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. I don't think it's a document that we've
7 shared with you or used as an exhibit?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Would you be willing to share that with
10 the Committee?

11 A. These are notes I prepared with counsel.
12 So...

13 Q. And the underlying document is the e-mail?

14 A. It's just the e-mail chain, yes.

15 Q. So you did not pass the information along
16 to your father. Do you know if anyone else did?

17 A. I don't believe they did, but I don't
18 know,

19 Q. Have you ever asked him if he was given
20 this e-mail or told about this meeting?

21 A. No, I haven't.

22 Q. Has he ever told you whether he saw this
23 e-mail or knew about this meeting?

24 A. Not that I recall, no.

25 Q. And that is something you would recall?

1 A. Certainly not at that time. So I mean,
2 obviously he's aware of it now because he's read
3 it, it's been in the papers, but that's the extent
4 of my knowledge of his knowledge of it.

5 Q. And when he found out about it because, as
6 you said, it's been in the papers, did he express
7 surprise to you?

8 A. I don't think so, no.

9 Q. Did he ask you -- did he indicate to you
10 that he hadn't known about the meeting before? Did
11 he say why wasn't I told about this meeting?

12 A. No, he didn't.

13 Q. Did you find that odd?

14 A. No, because he wasn't aware of it, and,
15 frankly, by the time anyone was aware of it, which
16 was summer of this year, as I stated earlier, I
17 wouldn't have wanted to get him involved in it
18 because it had nothing to do with him.

19 Q. So Mr. Goldstone -- and you discussed this
20 with my colleagues -- had indicated that he would
21 send the names of the two people meeting with you,
22 but you said he never did send you that
23 information?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And how did they then gain access -- he

1 said for security reasons he would send that. How
2 did they then gain access to the Trump Tower?

3 A. Apparently because they were with
4 Mr. Goldstone when he showed up and he had an
5 appointment.

6 Q. Okay. So there would have been an
7 appointment log for Mr. Goldstone kept at Trump
8 Tower?

9 A. No. There would have been a meeting in my
10 calendar and security downstairs would call up and
11 say your appointment's here and I'd say okay.

12 Q. So there's no additional screening or log,
13 I think you indicated?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Did you take any steps to try to learn
16 anymore information about the individuals you were
17 meeting with before you took -- before you were in
18 the meeting with them?

19 A. No. As I said, I didn't know who they
20 were before they got in there, and once they left
21 it was apparent to me there was nothing worth
22 following up on. So I didn't. You know, again,
23 before this if you put those people in this room
24 right now, other than Goldstone, I wouldn't have
25 been able to tell you who any of them were.

1 Q. So you took no steps to understand who the
2 Russian government lawyer might be who was coming
3 to meet with you?

4 A. It became pretty clear she wasn't
5 representing the Russian government.

6 Q. But you took no steps to determine who she
7 was before you met with her?

8 A. No, I did not.

9 Q. What about the mention in the e-mail to
10 the Crown prosecutor of Russia, what was your
11 understanding of who that referred to?

12 A. I had never heard of the position. So I
13 don't know what that even is, if it even exists.

14 Q. And you didn't ask anyone about that?

15 A. I didn't, no.

16 MR. PRIVOR: During the meeting did you ask
17 if anyone was a Crown prosecutor?

18 MR. TRUMP: No, I didn't. It became pretty
19 apparent that they weren't.

20 MR. PRIVOR: And based on what was it
21 apparent to you that they weren't affiliated with
22 the Russian government?

23 MR. TRUMP: That they were working on cases
24 in the United States. It just became pretty
25 obvious to me that they were not representatives of

1 the Russian government.

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. But you didn't ask them that question?

4 A. But I didn't ask them.

5 Q. So the e-mail said the meeting would be in
6 your offices. Where did you end up meeting?

7 A. We met in our 25th floor conference room.

8 Q. And where is that compared to where your
9 office actually is?

10 A. It's next door to my office.

11 Q. So it's one floor down from your father's
12 offices?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. Did he come by at any point in the
15 meeting?

16 A. He did not.

17 Q. Did anyone else stop by at any point in
18 that meeting?

19 A. Not that I recall, no.

20 Q. So no one attended other than the
21 individuals you already listed with my colleagues?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. You said that there were introductions
24 made at the outset?

25 A. Casual hello, handshakes, that kind of

1 stuff.

2 Q. Did Mr. Manafort know any of the
3 participants?

4 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

5 Q. Do you know whether he knew
6 Mr. Akhmetshin?

7 A. I do not know if he knew him.

8 Q. Do you know if he knew Ms. Veselnitskaya?

9 A. I do not.

10 Q. Did you ever ask him at any point whether
11 he knew any of those individuals?

12 A. I didn't and I don't recall anything that
13 would lead me to believe that he did know them.

14 Q. Have you spoken with him about it since?

15 A. Since, no.

16 Q. You haven't spoken with him about it in
17 preparation for your testimony today?

18 A. No, I have not.

19 Q. So you've never had the opportunity to ask
20 him about that meeting and his recollection of that
21 meeting?

22 A. No, I have not.

23 Q. What about Mr. Kushner, did he know any of
24 the participants?

25 A. I don't believe so, no.

1 Q. He didn't know Mr. Goldstone?

2 A. He may have met Mr. Goldstone at the WGC
3 Championship if he was there, I don't even know if
4 he was, but I don't believe he had any
5 conversations beyond, again, a casual meet and
6 greet while Rob was at the event that Emin was
7 performing at.

8 Q. And what about any of the other
9 participants, did he know any of them?

10 A. I don't believe so.

11 Q. Did you ever ask him if he knew any of
12 them?

13 A. I didn't, no.

14 Q. And have you had an opportunity since the
15 June 9th meeting to talk with him about that
16 meeting?

17 A. Only with counsel.

18 Q. And, again, the counsel was representing
19 whom?

20 MR. FUTERFAS: Which period of time are you
21 talking about?

22 BY MS. SAWYER:

23 Q. Well, when did you talk to him about the
24 meeting?

25 A. I imagine in preparation for this we've

1 had counsel -- we've had conversations, but that's
2 about the extent of it. Certainly not at the time,
3 no.

4 Q. So there was counsel there representing
5 you and counsel there representing him?

6 MR. HERMES: Are you talking about recently?

7 MS. SAWYER: Yes.

8 BY MS. SAWYER:

9 Q. My understanding is you had not spoken
10 with him about the meeting until recently in
11 preparation for your testimony?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. So that was the first time you spoke with
14 him. When did that happen just time wise?

15 MR. FUTERFAS: I mean, we're talking the
16 last -- since sometime in late June or early July
17 or whatever -- whenever --

18 MR. TRUMP: I would say that's accurate,
19 yes.

20 MR. FUTERFAS: -- between then and now is
21 when we're talking about.

22 BY MS. SAWYER:

23 Q. So had you spoken with him before the New
24 York Times reported on the meeting?

25 A. I don't remember.

1 Q. So it's possible you had spoken with him
2 before it got reported on publicly in the press?

3 A. Yes, it's possible.

4 Q. And was anyone else involved in those
5 conversations besides you and Mr. Kushner and your
6 lawyers?

7 A. As I said, I don't recall actually having
8 the conversation. I just said it's possible. So I
9 don't know.

10 MR. PRIVOR: Do you recall what prompted you
11 to have a discussion with Mr. Kushner before it
12 became publicly reported?

13 MR. FUTERFAS: Object to the form of the
14 question. He said it's possible they had a
15 conversation. So with that proviso I'll let my
16 client answer the question.

17 MR. TRUMP: I don't remember.

18 BY MS. SAWYER:

19 Q. So you spoke with my colleagues a bit
20 about what actually was discussed in the meeting.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So who spoke first?

23 A. I believe the lawyer through her
24 translator.

25 Q. So she does not speak English, as far as

1 you know?

2 A. She used the translator. I don't know if
3 she knows some English and maybe interjected some,
4 but I remember that she spoke through a translator.

5 Q. So she was speaking in Russian?

6 A. I believe so.

7 Q. He translated -- do you understand
8 Russian?

9 A. I do not.

10 Q. Did anyone else -- did Mr. Manafort speak
11 Russian?

12 A. Not that I'm aware of.

13 Q. What about Mr. Kushner?

14 A. I don't believe so.

15 Q. So you all were relying on the translator
16 to convey what Ms. Veselnitskaya was saying?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. So exactly what did she say to you about
19 the tax scheme?

20 A. I believe I said it earlier, but
21 essentially that people who had some connections or
22 dealings in Russia and the United States who were
23 big funders of the DNC and/or Hillary Clinton were
24 perhaps avoiding paying taxes in both of those
25 markets through some sort of scheme. I mean,

1 that's the gist of it and that's probably where
2 they lost me.

3 Q. Did you ask any follow-up questions?

4 A. I think we tried to ask her to expand on
5 it a little bit and I don't know that we got any
6 more clarity as to the issue or potential conflict.

7 Q. Okay. You said "we." Who specifically?
8 Did you ask her to clarify?

9 A. I don't recall who asked. I believe it
10 was myself, but "we" meaning myself, Paul, and
11 Jared were there. I don't remember who asked, but
12 we asked for some clarity to try to expand on it a
13 little bit and I don't know that we got any more
14 clarity on it.

15 Q. So you don't recall specifically if you
16 asked. Do you know if Mr. Manafort asked for her
17 to expand?

18 A. I don't.

19 Q. Do you recall if Mr. Kushner did?

20 A. I don't, no.

21 Q. So was any information specific to Hillary
22 Clinton provided during the meeting?

23 A. No, there was not.

24 Q. Did you ask for any information specific
25 to Hillary Clinton?

1 A. I asked as it related to what would this
2 have to do with the premise of the meeting and
3 that's sort of where the transition went into,
4 again, Russian adoption and ultimately Magnitsky.

5 Q. When you say you asked what it had to do
6 with the premise of the meeting, exactly how did
7 you put that?

8 A. I don't recall.

9 Q. Did you specifically ask whether they had
10 incriminating information on Hillary Clinton?

11 A. I don't believe I specifically asked that,
12 no, but I know we asked for further detail because
13 this wasn't clear.

14 Q. Did you ask at any point in time what was
15 meant by "This is part of Russia, the Russian
16 government's support for your father"?

17 A. No. At this point I think we had
18 generally lost interest.

19 Q. Okay. And why is it that you had lost
20 interest?

21 A. Because Russian adoption and this sort of,
22 you know, tax scheme and an act I had never heard
23 of, none of them were campaign issues and none of
24 them were things we were spending time on.

25 Q. But what is it that specifically you were

1 interested in getting out of that meeting?

2 A. I was interested in listening to
3 information.

4 Q. Information on Hillary Clinton?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Information on Hillary Clinton that came
7 potentially from the Russian government?

8 A. Again, I had no way of assessing where it
9 came from, but I was willing to listen.

10 Q. You had an e-mail saying that it was part
11 of the Russian government's support for your
12 father. Did you have any reason to doubt that that
13 was what you were going to hear?

14 MR. FUTERFAS: Asked and answered about five
15 times. So I object to the question. I'll let him
16 answer it, but I think that same question has been
17 asked many times. I'll let my client answer.

18 BY THE WITNESS:

19 A. I think it's been covered, but to clarify
20 I think, yes, given Rob and his history, I had no
21 way to validate that there was any legitimacy to
22 this whatsoever. As I said, my instincts were
23 correct about that.

24 Q. And was that a disappointment?

25 MR. FUTERFAS: Object to the form of the

1 question, but I'll let my client answer.

2 BY THE WITNESS:

3 A. All else being equal, I wouldn't have
4 wanted to waste 20 minutes hearing about something
5 that I wasn't supposed to be meeting about.

6 Q. Because you did take the meeting to try to
7 get that information?

8 A. I took the meeting to listen.

9 Q. And had the information been offered would
10 you have accepted it? Had additional information
11 been offered because you actually were offered
12 information from what you've told us, but would you
13 have accepted it?

14 A. It depends on what that was and where it
15 came from, and at that point if there was anything
16 material I could have decided what to do and
17 brought in counsel.

18 Q. And when the meeting ended did you have
19 any conversations with Paul Manafort or Jared
20 Kushner about it?

21 A. No. I think we all went back to doing
22 what we did on a daily basis.

23 Q. Did you go up and talk to your father
24 about it?

25 A. No. I wouldn't have wasted his time with

1 it.

2 Q. Did you or anyone else at any point think
3 about consulting -- you said you would have -- if
4 you had gotten what you thought was additional
5 information you would have consulted with a lawyer.
6 Did any of you consult with a lawyer in any event
7 about this?

8 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

9 Q. Did any of you consider talking to law
10 enforcement about this?

11 A. If something would have materialized that
12 would have merited that we would have likely done
13 that, but there was nothing there.

14 Q. And in your view, what would have merited
15 consulting with a lawyer or going to law
16 enforcement?

17 A. If there was real information that could
18 jeopardize the presidency or candidate for the
19 presidency of the United States. I think that kind
20 of information would be relevant to the American
21 public.

22 Q. To the American public is different than
23 law enforcement. Can you clarify that difference?

24 A. I imagine if there was something real they
25 would pursue it and find out if and when that is

1 correct. I had no way of ever being able to do
2 that.

3 Q. So was it your intent going into this
4 meeting if you got damaging information from the
5 Russian government to take that to law enforcement?

6 A. It would depend on whatever information
7 was actually given, but none of that happened.

8 Q. In retrospect would you have accepted the
9 meeting if you had known what exactly it was going
10 to be?

11 A. I guess it depends on how it came about.

12 Q. If it came -- well, explain what you mean
13 by that.

14 MR. FUTERFAS: Excuse me. I object to the
15 form of the question.

16 MS. SAWYER: I just asked the question if he
17 knew in hindsight exactly what was going to come
18 out of this meeting would he have accepted it in
19 the first instance.

20 BY THE WITNESS:

21 A. Likely not. I would have accepted a
22 meeting from Rob Goldstone because he was an
23 acquaintance and he knew acquaintances of ours. If
24 this would have come from Ms. Veselnitskaya I
25 likely would never have accepted it because I

1 didn't know who she was. So I do believe I gave
2 more credence to it coming from an acquaintance as
3 a courtesy.

4 Q. And did you ever express to Mr. Goldstone
5 any disappointment in the meeting or in him having
6 arranged it?

7 A. No, I didn't. He expressed that to me.

8 Q. And did it impact your relationship with
9 him in any way?

10 A. I don't know that our relationship was,
11 you know, more than casual. So not substantially,
12 but, again, all I ever got from Rob was casual
13 thanks and hellos and congratulations along the
14 way.

15 Q. There was, in your view, no follow-up at
16 all from this meeting?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. I just wanted to have you return to what
19 was previously marked as Exhibit 5.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. This is an e-mail sent 6/29/2016, so the
22 end of the month, from Rob Goldstone to Dan
23 Scavino. Who is Dan Scavino?

24 A. Dan Scavino ran our social media campaign.

25 Q. And you're CC'd on this. Do you recall

1 getting this?

2 A. I don't.

3 Q. Rhona Graff is also CC'd. Do you know
4 what, if anything, Rhona Graff did with this
5 e-mail?

6 A. I don't.

7 Q. Do you know if she provided this e-mail to
8 your father?

9 A. I doubt this is something she would
10 provide to my father, but I don't know that.

11 Q. The subject line is "Russia's largest
12 social media network 'VK' offers Trump campaign
13 message to over 2 million registered
14 Russian-American voters in the USA." It has an
15 attachment which there is two pages that follow.
16 Do you recall if this was the attachment, the
17 actual attachment to that e-mail?

18 A. I don't recall seeing it, but it likely
19 was.

20 Q. Do you know what Mr. Scavino did with this
21 e-mail?

22 A. I do not.

23 Q. Did you ever ask him?

24 A. I did not.

25 Q. Do you know if VK ever did provide social

1 media messaging to the Trump campaign?

2 A. I don't believe so, but I don't know.

3 Q. Why is it you don't believe so?

4 A. Because I may have heard about it if they
5 would have done something and I don't recall
6 hearing about it.

7 Q. Just turning to the next page, which is
8 page 455 Bates number.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. It's got a picture of your father, it's
11 got some hash tags, it's got his birth and other
12 information. Then it has some posts by Donald J.
13 It says "Donald J. Trump, 16 May at 7:58 p.m.,
14 Bernie Sanders is being treated very badly by the
15 Dems. The system is rigged against him. He should
16 run as an independent. Run Bernie run."

17 Is that an actual post of your father's?

18 A. I don't know. I doubt that he posted on a
19 page with 36 followers, but it looks like that
20 could have been someone else copying his Twitter
21 feed or something to that effect on this page that
22 someone set up.

23 Q. Then the next one, "The media is" -- it's
24 another Donald J. Trump, 16 May at 7:57 p.m. "The
25 media is really on a witch hunt against me, false

1 reporting and plenty of it, but we will prevail,
2 exclamation."

3 Is that an actual Tweet of your father's?

4 A. I don't know, but, again, I don't think
5 he'd been posting himself on VK on a page with 36
6 followers.

7 Q. So it's possible they took the Tweets and
8 put it into what they were proposing to then put
9 out as social media messaging?

10 A. That looks to me as the most likely
11 scenario, yes.

12 Q. So was it your understanding that this was
13 an offer to coordinate and amplify messaging with
14 the Trump campaign?

15 A. Again, I don't know if I had an
16 understanding because I don't remember seeing it.

17 Q. Have you ever asked anyone subsequent
18 about this?

19 A. No, I haven't.

20 Q. You said that you reviewed this in
21 preparation for today. Did you speak with
22 Mr. Scavino about it?

23 A. I don't recall speaking to Dan, no.

24 Q. Did you speak to anyone on the
25 communications or social media team for the

1 campaign?

2 A. Not that I recall, no.

3 Q. Did you ever meet Konstantin Sikorkov,
4 spelled S-I-K-O-R-K-O-V?

5 A. No, not that I recall.

6 Q. Your father gave a campaign speech on the
7 evening of June 7th, 2016, which was four days
8 after you got Goldstone's e-mail but before you had
9 had the actual meeting. In that speech your father
10 said "I'm going to give a major speech on probably
11 Monday of next week and we're going to be
12 discussing all of the things that have taken place
13 with the Clintons. I think you're going to find it
14 very informative and very, very interesting."

15 What was he referring to?

16 A. I have no idea.

17 Q. Do you know if he knew at that point in
18 time that you were meeting on -- scheduled to
19 meeting on June 9th with a Russian lawyer?

20 A. No, I don't believe so because, again, I
21 never discussed it with him at all.

22 MR. PRIVOR: Do you know whether anyone else
23 discussed it with him?

24 MR. TRUMP: I don't believe they did, but I
25 don't know.

1 MR. PRIVOR: For instance, Paul Manafort?

2 MR. TRUMP: I don't know.

3 MR. PRIVOR: And Mr. Kushner?

4 MR. TRUMP: I don't know.

5 BY MS. SAWYER:

6 Q. Mr. Manafort had met with him earlier that
7 day. Do you know if he -- the day of the meeting,
8 June 9th, do you know if he discussed it with him
9 then?

10 A. I don't know.

11 Q. Were you involved in any way in helping
12 him prepare the comments for the speech that I just
13 read?

14 A. No. I never would have done that.

15 Q. You never would have been involved in --

16 A. I wasn't involved in writing his speeches,
17 no.

18 Q. Did you ever ask him what he meant by
19 that?

20 A. I did not, no.

21 Q. So you never asked what he thought was
22 very, very interesting information on Clinton?

23 A. I do recall and I don't know the timing of
24 it, but I know there was a lot of talk about
25 utilizing information from the book *Clinton Cash*.

1 I don't know the exact timing of it, but that could
2 very well be the things that he wanted to talk
3 about because while it was out there I don't know
4 it got the mainstream pickup that perhaps the
5 campaign would have wanted. So that could be a
6 reference to that, but that's speculation. I don't
7 remember the exact timing of it.

8 Q. In your mind is it -- he uses that term
9 "something very, very interesting."

10 Mr. Goldstone's June 3 e-mail to you says he has
11 something very interesting. Is that just a
12 coincidence?

13 A. I think a lot of people would use "very
14 interesting." Yes, I think it's just a
15 coincidence.

16 Q. Do you have any way of knowing whether
17 that's a coincidence or not?

18 A. I don't other than that's the way my
19 father speaks.

20 Q. Just briefly returning to the phone logs,
21 Exhibit 11, the first -- second page of that
22 document, 852, indicates in the left-hand column
23 "Roaming call detail."

24 A. Left-hand column?

25 Q. About halfway down.

1 A. Okay, yes.

2 Q. And it has a few dates, Wednesday 6/29 and
3 if you go on down the page it says Friday 6/24,
4 Saturday 6/25. Do you recall if you traveled
5 outside the United States during those time
6 periods?

7 A. Sorry. What is the date again? 6/29?

8 Q. Yes. So one date is 6/29.

9 A. I don't recall, but we could find out.

10 Q. Okay. And then it appears that another
11 time period would have been 6/23, 6/24, 6/25
12 potentially. Do you recall?

13 A. I may have been on vacation with my
14 children. Let me find out for certain, but I may
15 have taken them to the Bahamas at that time. You
16 know, it's a long time ago and I'm trying to
17 remember, but we will find out.

18 Q. You don't recall any particular campaign-
19 related travel at that time?

20 A. No, I don't.

21 MR. FUTERFAS: I just want to be specific.
22 What is it the Committee is requesting? Would you
23 like us to find out if he was out of the country
24 during those dates and where?

25 MS. SAWYER: Yes, that would be great.

1 Toward the end of the June. And if he was out of
2 the country any other time from that month. It
3 looks from these logs that he might have been.

4 BY MS. SAWYER:

5 Q. Turning now your attention on that same
6 document to page 857. These are just some calls
7 and I'll just direct your attention to the right-
8 hand column on that page. It says Thursday 6/23
9 there are some calls that evening. The first is at
10 7:05 p.m., again, it's in Arlington, Virginia, 703
11 number, Mr. Manafort's number. Do you recall
12 speaking to him in connection with any travel?

13 A. No, I don't.

14 Q. The next call, 707, is an incoming call
15 from that same number. Do you have any
16 recollection of talking to Mr. Manafort twice that
17 evening?

18 A. It appears like maybe there was a missed
19 call and a follow-up call, but no, I don't recall
20 that.

21 Q. And then down the same sheet on Tuesday,
22 6/28 there's three calls that afternoon that have
23 been unredacted. One is at 1:22 p.m., that's
24 Mr. Manafort's number again. Do you recall
25 speaking with him on the 28th?

1 A. I don't.

2 Q. You don't recall speaking to him about
3 campaign-related travel or other travel?

4 A. No, I don't.

5 Q. The next call is an incoming call and
6 that's Mr. Kushner's number. Any recollection of
7 talking to him about anything that particular day?

8 A. No.

9 MR. FOSTER: Let me just note for the record
10 that Senator Hatch is present.

11 BY MS. SAWYER:

12 Q. Then do you know who that other 3:57 p.m.
13 incoming call, 646 area code, do you know who that
14 is?

15 A. That's my real boss.

16 Q. And who is your real boss?

17 A. My wife.

18 Q. Do you know why her number would be
19 unblocked here?

20 A. I don't other than it's just -- I have no
21 clue.

22 MR. FUTERFAS: It could have been a law
23 office error.

24 MR. TRUMP: Blame the lawyers.

25 MS. SAWYER: I think our time is just about

1 up for this hour. So I think we probably should
2 break now and then give our colleagues another
3 chance. So we'll go off the record at 11:58.

4 (A short break was had.)

5 MR. DAVIS: Back on the record. It's 12:15

6 MR. TRUMP: Could I just interject one thing?
7 Heather, I took a couple seconds to check on some
8 of that last questioning as it related to the
9 dates. The end of June I was in Scotland for the
10 opening of Turnberry, and I was in the Bahamas with
11 my kids as I had suspected in that last, you know,
12 week of June, first couple days of July.

13 MS. SAWYER: Okay. Thanks.

14 FURTHER EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. DAVIS:

16 Q. So, Mr. Trump, I believe you generally
17 indicated that after the meeting you didn't really
18 discuss it or give it much thought. Obviously it
19 became an issue over the summer this year. When
20 did it first come back on your radar as requiring
21 your attention?

22 A. I believe I was asked about it as it
23 related to probably discovery when we were, you
24 know, producing things for either this inquiry or
25 others is when it first popped back into my memory.

1 Q. Do you have any sense of when that would
2 have been?

3 A. Probably mid, late June.

4 Q. And at the time you issued your July 8th
5 statement had you rereviewed the initial e-mail
6 chain from Mr. Goldstone setting up the meeting
7 before issuing that statement?

8 A. I believe we did, yes.

9 Q. Do you know if the President had seen that
10 e-mail chain prior to the July 8 statement?

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. Now, there are a few other areas I'd like
13 to ask you about that have been reported on and I'd
14 like you give you a chance to comment. There's
15 been some reporting about a speech you gave in
16 October 2016 with a think tank called the Center
17 For Political and Foreign Affairs. Can you explain
18 how that speaking arrangement came about and what
19 it entailed?

20 A. A person who works at I guess her own kind
21 of speaking bureau who has booked me for public
22 speaking events over the years reached out to me,
23 said that this organization wanted to book me. I
24 guess it's a Parisian or French think tank.
25 They've had speakers such as Kofi Annan, Tony

1 Blair, a list of the usual suspects, and they
2 wanted to get an understanding of what was going on
3 in the rather unusual 2016 election cycle in the
4 United States.

5 Q. So to the best of your knowledge, you were
6 first contacted about it through this speaker's
7 bureau; is that correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What did the actual event involve? Was it
10 a lecture you gave, a round table discussion?

11 A. More of a round table discussion.

12 Q. And is the director of that think tank
13 Fabien Baussart?

14 A. Yes, he is.

15 Q. And aside from the round table did you
16 separately meet with Mr. Baussart and his wife?

17 A. Yes, I did. I had lunch with them.

18 Q. At either the round table or your lunch
19 with them was there any discussion of cooperating
20 with the Russian government?

21 A. No.

22 Q. In the campaign?

23 A. Not as it related to the campaign, no.

24 Q. Were there general political discussions
25 about geopolitics and the United States and Russia?

1 A. Yes, but less so Russia, more as it
2 pertains to Syria because his wife is Syrian.

3 Q. And at that event or the lunch was there
4 any discussion of any quid pro quo with Russia and
5 the Trump campaign?

6 A. No.

7 (DJTJR Exhibit 12 was marked
8 for identification.)

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. I'd like to show an e-mail chain to you.
11 I'll mark this Exhibit 12.

12 A. Thank you.

13 MR. DAVIS: Does everyone have Bates 719 on
14 it as well?

15 MR. FUTERFAS: I have 718.

16 MR. DAVIS: Here's 719.

17 MR. TRUMP: 19 and 18, I've got them both.

18 BY MR. DAVIS:

19 Q. Again, these are Bates-numbered
20 TRUMPORG-3000718 and 719.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. This is an e-mail exchange between you and
23 Jan Jones in April of 2017?

24 A. Yes.

25 MR. FUTERFAS: Excuse me a second.

1 (Whereupon a discussion was had
2 sotto voce.)

3 MR. FUTERFAS: Thank you. Sorry.

4 BY MR. DAVIS:

5 Q. And is Jan Jones the employee with the
6 speaker's bureau that you were referencing?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Now, on the first e-mail chronologically
9 in this chain, it looks like it's April 23, 2017 at
10 3:23 p.m., it appears Ms. Jones e-mailed you
11 asking, in part, "Are you up for doing something
12 during the G7 in Sicily with Fabien? We were
13 thinking that with the G7 taking place that would
14 be the 'cover' if we need it. Fabien understands
15 all the background that would need to go into
16 preparation and making sure there is no blowback in
17 any way on you. No photos, no media, everything
18 discrete."

19 What did you understand her to mean when she
20 talked about using the G7 as "cover"?

21 A. I didn't. I assume, you know, because of
22 the press that the other speech originally had
23 gotten I wanted to lay low and not create another
24 issue. Even though it was fine, I wanted to do
25 something, I didn't want to create an unnecessary

1 issue.

2 Q. At this time did you have Secret Service
3 protection?

4 A. This is April. Yes, I did.

5 Q. Had you gone to do an event with
6 Mr. Fabien, to the best of your knowledge, would
7 the Secret Service have accompanied you to any such
8 event?

9 A. Yes, they would have.

10 Q. So to the best of your knowledge, if you
11 would have pursued another speaking engagement with
12 him, even if the G7 were cover, while it might have
13 been cover from the media, the Secret Service and,
14 hence, the U.S. Government would have been aware of
15 it; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Mr. Trump, there's also been some press
18 about a statement you made in 2008 at a real estate
19 conference in which you stated "In terms of
20 high-end product influx into the U.S., Russians
21 make up a pretty disproportionate cross-section of
22 a lot of our assets." Can you explain what you
23 meant by that?

24 A. Yeah. I think as high-end real estate
25 developers, us or any of the other people that

1 build expensive condominiums in places like
2 New York or Miami, there is a pretty large portion
3 of foreign nationals, whether it be Russian,
4 Chinese, Saudi, that buy in those markets and buy
5 luxury condominiums.

6 Q. So were you asserting that there were a
7 number of Russian customers for these condominiums
8 as opposed to your investors or both?

9 A. We don't have any Russian investors. This
10 is purely for the sale of condominiums where we
11 have -- you know, had some, but, again, a lot of
12 our condominiums, for example, Trump Tower was
13 originally built in 1982 it topped out, would have
14 been sold and we wouldn't have been involved in any
15 of those transactions from that point on. So a
16 buyer wherever they're from may have been the
17 fifth, tenth, fifteenth owner of a given unit over
18 those 30-something years.

19 Q. There's also been some press about an NRA
20 dinner you attended. Do you know Mr. Aleksander
21 Torshin, T-O-R-S-H-I-N?

22 A. Yes. I met him at a dinner.

23 Q. Was that at the NRA dinner in I believe
24 June of 2016?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. At that dinner did you discuss with him
2 any coordination between the Trump campaign and the
3 Russian government?

4 A. No, but to clarify, he was not at dinner
5 with me. He was at a table nearby. I was at
6 dinner with the 30 top people at the NRA I believe
7 and someone who had known him asked if I would say
8 hello. So I wasn't having dinner with him.

9 Q. Would you say you had a brief conversation
10 with him, a long one?

11 A. Brief, a few minutes.

12 Q. Do you remember at all the content of that
13 conversation?

14 A. It was the NRA show. I believe he's a gun
15 enthusiast.

16 Q. And did that conversation involve any
17 discussion of quid pro quo between the Russian
18 government and the Trump campaign?

19 A. None at all.

20 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did anyone
21 from the FBI ever provide what's referred to as a
22 defensive briefing to the campaign, a briefing
23 where they warn anyone on the campaign that foreign
24 intelligence operatives might be trying to
25 infiltrate?

1 A. Not that I'm aware of, but that doesn't
2 mean they didn't do it.

3 Q. And do you know Felix Sater?

4 A. I do.

5 Q. Can you describe your relationship with
6 him?

7 A. We worked on a few deals together when he
8 was working at the Bayrock Group.

9 Q. Were those deals in the U.S. or in other
10 countries?

11 A. The deals that got consummated were in the
12 U.S.

13 Q. Did you attempt any deals within Russia?

14 A. We looked at one deal I believe in 2006, I
15 believe, but early 2006. We looked at one deal in
16 Russia, but it never materialized.

17 Q. And did you travel to Russia with
18 Mr. Sater?

19 A. I didn't travel there with him, but I met
20 him there.

21 Q. And what did you do with him in Russia, to
22 the best of your recollection?

23 A. We met with some guys that were developers
24 to look at a potential Trump property in Moscow.

25 Q. Were those developers private companies or

1 government affiliates?

2 A. Private companies.

3 Q. And what ultimately became of that effort?

4 A. Nothing.

5 Q. What did you understand -- did Mr. Sater
6 have any role in the Trump Organization?

7 A. For a time he served as a broker
8 essentially trying to find development deals for us
9 from a license perspective, but he was never on the
10 payroll or never served as an actual -- I guess a
11 full-fledged employee.

12 Q. Are you aware of him having any
13 involvement in the Trump campaign?

14 A. I'm not aware of any involvement of his in
15 the campaign, no.

16 Q. I'd like to briefly return to the issue of
17 Mr. Goldstone and VK.

18 A. Yes.

19 (DJTJR Exhibit 13 was marked
20 for identification.)

21 BY MR. DAVIS:

22 Q. I have another exhibit here. This will be
23 13.

24 A. Thank you.

25 Q. This is an e-mail exchange Bates-stamped

1 DJTJR-00249 to 250. It appears to be an e-mail
2 chain between Mr. Goldstone and you which then was
3 forwarded on to Dan Scavino or later involves Dan
4 Scavino. Looking at the first e-mail
5 chronologically on this chain on page 250, it looks
6 like Mr. Goldstone e-mailed you CC'g Rhona Graff on
7 January 19th. Again, this e-mail seems to be
8 pitching having your father set up some sort of
9 page on VK. This was January 19th of 2016.

10 Do you recall seeing this e-mail at the
11 time?

12 A. I don't recall seeing it, no.

13 Q. And do you know if anyone took any action
14 on it at the time?

15 A. I don't know, no.

16 Q. Given that six months later Mr. Goldstone
17 was still pushing the VK issue, do you have any
18 reason to believe that this offer went anywhere
19 with the Trump Organization?

20 A. I don't, no.

21 Q. And returning back to the meeting itself,
22 the June 9th meeting, were you aware that
23 Mr. Goldstone had apparently tagged himself on
24 Facebook at Trump Tower right before the meeting
25 began?

1 A. No, I did not, but having since seen some
2 of his social media posts, it doesn't surprise me.

3 (DJTJR Exhibit 14 was marked
4 for identification.)

5 BY MR. DAVIS:

6 Q. I'd like to introduce for the record an
7 article from News Week that describes Mr. Goldstone
8 tagging himself on Facebook at Trump Tower shortly
9 before the meeting. This will be Exhibit 14.

10 Generally speaking, do you believe that
11 publicly tagging yourself in a Facebook post would
12 represent that you were intending to have a covert
13 or secret meeting?

14 A. Not likely, no, but I'm not a spy.

15 Q. And returning briefly to Mr. Manafort,
16 what was your understanding of how Mr. Manafort
17 ceased to be affiliated with the campaign?

18 A. I believe there was stuff coming out about
19 Paul that he denied, but he didn't want to drag any
20 other aspects of that life into the campaign and
21 the work that we were doing. So he removed himself
22 from his position as campaign chairman.

23 Q. And did he discuss with you or, to the
24 best of your knowledge, anyone else on the campaign
25 his ties with Ukrainian business or Russian

1 interests, his alleged ties?

2 A. No, not that I recall.

3 Q. Do you know Lieutenant General Michael
4 Flynn?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. When did you first meet him?

7 A. Somewhere along the way on the campaign
8 trail.

9 Q. What would you say was the nature of your
10 relationship with him?

11 A. He worked on the campaign.

12 Q. And were you aware of any ties, indirect,
13 past or present, between Mr. Flynn and the Russian
14 government?

15 A. No, I was not.

16 Q. Did you ever discuss Russia or Russian
17 interests with Mr. Flynn?

18 A. Not that I recall, no.

19 MR. FOSTER: Can we just return briefly to
20 the issue of the e-mail chain that you Tweeted out
21 and released publicly. We were asking earlier
22 about when you first rereviewed that e-mail chain.
23 So other than when you received it at the time back
24 in 2016, after the meeting do you recall looking
25 back at that chain or reviewing it for any reason

1 at any time for the rest of the 2016?

2 MR. TRUMP: There was no reason for me to do
3 that.

4 MR. FOSTER: So then we were trying to
5 pinpoint maybe when was the first time you went
6 back and rereviewed that chain in 2017, and I
7 believe your answer earlier -- feel free to correct
8 me. You thought you might have reviewed it in
9 preparation for production of documents or
10 discovery; is that correct?

11 MR. TRUMP: I believe so. I believe that's
12 what I said, yes.

13 MR. FOSTER: And do you know to whom that
14 discovery would have been? Just for the record, I
15 believe our request was July 11th.

16 MR. TRUMP: I don't know if it was for this.
17 I don't know if it was for special counsel -- or
18 special prosecutor's investigation. It's the first
19 time. Senate intel maybe. I don't remember the
20 exact chronology, but one of those.

21 MR. FOSTER: Okay. So it wasn't in regard to
22 communications with press about the e-mail?

23 MR. TRUMP: No, I don't believe so.

24 MR. PRIVOR: In preparation for the July 8
25 statement it was -- the e-mail chain was reviewed

1 in preparation for that statement by you; is that
2 correct?

3 MR. TRUMP: Yes.

4 MR. PRIVOR: And you said not by the
5 President -- or you don't know --

6 MR. TRUMP: I don't know.

7 MR. PRIVOR: You don't know if the President
8 reviewed it. Sorry.

9 But you earlier spoke about the
10 statements, the July 8 and July 11 statements --
11 I'm not sure which statement you were referring
12 to -- that the President's team may have been
13 involved. Do you happen to know if anyone on the
14 President's team saw the e-mail chain prior to the
15 July 8 statement?

16 MR. TRUMP: I don't actually know if they saw
17 it, no.

18 MR. FOSTER: To the best of your knowledge,
19 how and when did the President or members of his
20 team learn of the e-mail?

21 MR. TRUMP: I don't know.

22 MR. FUTERFAS: Let me interject for the
23 record, I think it's worth doing, that at some
24 point obviously counsel and various people became
25 aware of various investigations and documents began

1 to be collected and reviewed in response to those
2 investigations. So I don't know what you're asking
3 in terms of his knowledge when he saw something,
4 there was a lot of interaction with counsel going
5 back some period, but I think what I've said and I
6 think what Mr. Trump has said is that sometime in
7 June would probably make sense or maybe even -- we
8 haven't timelined it, but certainly when we became
9 publicly aware there were various investigations
10 documents began to be assembled and things like
11 that

12 BY MR. DAVIS:

13 Q. Were you aware of any communication
14 between anyone on the Trump campaign and WikiLeaks?

15 A. I got a few direct messages from them
16 asking me, I believe, if I would leak his tax
17 return. I think the only time I responded to them
18 was, hey, when I am I going to receive the next
19 leak. And they would reach out on a few occasions
20 sort of passing along news, hey, you may want to
21 Tweet this, this would be of interest probably with
22 some sort of admin there.

23 Q. Were these -- you said direct messages.
24 On what --

25 A. Twitter.

1 Q. Do you still have copies of these
2 messages?

3 A. I should.

4 Q. Would you be willing to provide them to
5 the Committee?

6 A. Sure.

7 Q. You said they said you may want to Tweet
8 this. Do you remember any specific instances?

9 A. I believe once -- I mean, I'd be
10 speculating. If you give me a little chronological
11 leeway, I believe they initially reached out to me
12 to possibly distribute information about my
13 father's tax return to clear up those issues. Then
14 they -- I'd be guessing. Why don't I just get it
15 for you.

16 Q. And you said you thought it was some sort
17 of admin. Did the person involved ever identify
18 themselves?

19 A. I believe on one occasion they did.

20 Q. And do you remember who they said they
21 were?

22 A. It was a lady that appeared to work at a
23 law firm, if I recall correctly.

24 Q. Not Mr. Assange?

25 A. No. I've never communicated with him

1 directly that I'm aware of.

2 Q. And did you ever Tweet any of the things
3 they recommended Tweeting?

4 A. The one time I believe I responded I had
5 already re-Tweeted what they had put out or what
6 they had suggested for me to put out, but I would
7 throughout the course and even recently I would
8 occasionally re-Tweet WikiLeaks, yes.

9 Q. Beyond those direct messages you had with
10 WikiLeaks, were you aware of anyone else on the
11 Trump campaign or within the Trump Organization
12 communicating with WikiLeaks?

13 A. No, I was not.

14 Q. And did you have any reason to believe
15 that WikiLeaks was working with, whether directly
16 or indirectly, any foreign government?

17 A. No, I do not.

18 Q. Were you aware of any communications
19 between anyone at the Trump campaign or the Trump
20 Organization and Guccifer 2.0?

21 A. No.

22 Q. And in terms of interactions between Trump
23 campaign personnel and Russian government
24 officials, what types of interactions were you
25 aware of?

1 A. Trump campaign officials and Russian
2 government personnel? I was aware of none.

3 Q. Have you seen press reports about various
4 meetings such as with Ambassador Kislyak?

5 A. If I could scratch my last statement, yes,
6 I did read about that after the fact.

7 Q. Were you aware of those at the time they
8 occurred, to the best of your knowledge?

9 A. I knew of something. I believe there was
10 a meeting there. I wasn't part of the meeting, but
11 yes, I believe I was aware that it had occurred.

12 Q. Back in the time frame of your June 9,
13 2016 meeting with Mr. Goldstone, had you received
14 any guidance from the Trump campaign about meetings
15 with foreign officials?

16 A. No, not that I recall.

17 Q. And are you aware of any coordination
18 between anyone on the Trump campaign or within the
19 Trump Organization and the Russian government
20 regarding the 2016 election?

21 A. No, I'm not.

22 MR. FOSTER: You were asked earlier if, to
23 your knowledge, anyone at the campaign had ever
24 received what's known as a defensive briefing from
25 the FBI about people who might be trying to

1 infiltrate the campaign, and I believe your answer
2 was that, to your knowledge, you weren't aware of
3 any such briefing. Were you aware of any --
4 regardless of whether it was a defensive briefing
5 or any other particular kind of contact, are you
6 aware of any other FBI contacts with yourself or
7 with the campaign in 2016?

8 MR. TRUMP: No.

9 MR. FOSTER: Let's go off the record at
10 12:41.

11 (A short break was had.)

12 MS. SAWYER: We're going back on the record.
13 It's 12:50.

14 FURTHER EXAMINATION

15 BY MS. SAWYER:

16 Q. Mr. Trump, you and your counsel had
17 indicated that you would want to have your
18 statement entered into the record as an exhibit.
19 So I just wanted to take care of that quickly
20 before we started. So it will be marked as
21 Exhibit 15.

22 A. Thank you.

23 (DJTJR Exhibit 15 was marked
24 for identification.)

25 BY MS. SAWYER:

1 Q. You mentioned during the conversation with
2 my colleagues that you had become aware of a
3 meeting or meetings with Ambassador Kislyak. Can
4 you just explain like what meetings did you become
5 aware of? When did they take place?

6 A. I don't remember the exact timing of when
7 they took place. I believe it was after we had
8 already secured -- meaning after the election, but
9 I could be mistaken. The only reason I'm aware of
10 it is because it occurred in my office. I came
11 back from the gym and they were in there.

12 Q. So when you say after the election, you
13 mean after November 8, 2016?

14 A. I believe so.

15 Q. Was it a meeting in December of 2016?

16 A. That would fit the description, yes, I
17 believe so.

18 Q. So it was a meeting in Trump Tower?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. In your office but you hadn't known about
21 it beforehand?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Do you know why they used your office?

24 A. It was open, I was at the gym.

25 Q. And who was in that meeting?

1 A. I believe it was Jared Kushner, the
2 Ambassador, maybe Flynn, but I don't remember.

3 Q. Anyone else, to the best of your
4 recollection?

5 A. No, not that I recall.

6 Q. Was the meeting still ongoing when you
7 returned?

8 A. I believe it was, yes.

9 Q. Did you go in and join the meeting?

10 A. No, I did not.

11 Q. Why not?

12 A. Because I didn't know what it was about
13 and I was sweaty from the gym.

14 Q. Did you ask Mr. Kushner or Lieutenant
15 General Flynn about the meeting after?

16 A. No, I don't think I did.

17 Q. Did you have any interaction with
18 Ambassador Kislyak yourself?

19 A. None that I recall, but that doesn't mean
20 we didn't shake hands or something.

21 Q. Aside from that were there any other
22 meetings that any member of the campaign or the
23 Trump Organization had with Ambassador Kislyak that
24 you're aware of?

25 A. None that I recall, no.

1 Q. And do you know -- did you ask or do you
2 know what was discussed during that meeting?

3 A. I do not.

4 Q. Do you know whether -- strike that.

5 You know, I had asked you about some of your
6 means of communicating. I didn't ask and looking
7 at the phone log it reminded me. It has text
8 messaging charges. So you used text messaging as
9 well to communicate?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And did you use any particular messaging
12 apps? Do you use Signal?

13 A. I don't have Signal, no.

14 Q. Do you use Snapchat?

15 A. I don't do Snapchat, no. I have enough
16 forms of social media.

17 Q. What about WhatsApp?

18 A. Yes, I use WhatsApp.

19 Q. Did you use that for campaign purposes?

20 A. Not that I recall. I was a pretty late
21 adapter to WhatsApp. I'm not sure I downloaded it
22 until after the campaign.

23 Q. Okay. And so when do you believe that you
24 started using WhatsApp?

25 A. I still don't really use it regularly.

1 I'd be guessing. I don't know.

2 Q. And do you know if WhatsApp was -- your
3 messaging on the app was reviewed as part of the
4 production to the Committee?

5 A. I don't know.

6 MS. SAWYER: Could you just make sure it is.

7 MR. FUTERFAS: Okay.

8 BY MS. SAWYER:

9 Q. Besides WhatsApp, do you use any other
10 messaging apps? FrozenChat?

11 A. No.

12 Q. ChatSecure, anything else?

13 A. No.

14 Q. We talked about your phone usage. Have
15 you ever used a prepaid phone?

16 A. No, I have not.

17 Q. Did you use anybody else's phone other
18 than yours for campaign purposes?

19 A. Not that I'm aware of.

20 Q. You didn't use your wife's phone?

21 A. No.

22 Q. In terms of -- you mentioned Twitter,
23 maybe DM private messages. Could you also just
24 make sure those are searched as well for material
25 responsive to the committee's request.

1 MR. FUTERFAS: Twitter?

2 MS. SAWYER: Twitter.

3 MR. FUTERFAS: Did you say something else?

4 MS. SAWYER: I think direct messaging is a
5 mechanism on Twitter for communicating.

6 MR. FUTERFAS: You can tell I know an awful
7 lot about it.

8 BY MS. SAWYER:

9 Q. Do you have a home landline?

10 A. I believe I do, but I don't even know the
11 number of it.

12 Q. Do you know if you used it for campaign
13 purposes?

14 A. No.

15 MR. PRIVOR: Mr. Trump, you mentioned that
16 you're not a regular user of WhatsApp. Are you an
17 infrequent user of it?

18 MR. TRUMP: I guess I use it infrequently.
19 People have contacted me on it, but like I said,
20 it's something I would have done probably in the
21 last few months. I may have had it a little bit
22 longer.

23 MR. PRIVOR: Do you know if anybody contacted
24 you via WhatsApp related to campaign matters?

25 MR. TRUMP: I don't believe so, but I'll go

1 back and check.

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. What about related to the issue of Russian
4 interference in the 2016 election?

5 A. No.

6 Q. How about FBI Director Comey's firing?

7 A. Not that I recall, no.

8 Q. What about Lieutenant General Flynn's
9 resignation or anything about his relationship with
10 the campaign or administration?

11 A. I don't believe so, no.

12 Q. And just briefly, you were asked by my
13 colleagues about the statements made about the
14 meeting, the June 9th meeting. You had indicated
15 you thought your father may have communicated
16 changes through Hope Hicks. Who is Hope Hicks?

17 A. She is, I guess, the communications
18 director now.

19 Q. For the White House now?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. Who else, to the best of your knowledge,
22 was involved in the drafting of those statements?

23 A. I believe all counsel.

24 MR. FUTERFAS: Just your best recollection.

25 BY THE WITNESS:

1 A. My understanding is that counsel was
2 involved.

3 Q. Counsel, Hope Hicks, your father. Anyone
4 else at the White House?

5 MR. FUTERFAS: Let me ask for a point of
6 clarification. When you're saying counsel, are you
7 saying your own counsel or are you saying counsel
8 for your father?

9 MR. TRUMP: Both.

10 BY MS. SAWYER:

11 Q. So your personal counsel and who would
12 those individuals have been?

13 A. The two gentlemen sitting at the table
14 with us here today.

15 Q. Mr. Futerfas and Mr. Garten?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you said your father's counsel. Who
18 would that have been?

19 A. It's a big team. I don't know.

20 Q. You don't know?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Was it Mr. McGahn?

23 A. I don't know. I don't know.

24 Q. Would it have possibly been Mr. Cobb?

25 A. I don't know if that was before his time

1 or not. So I don't know.

2 Q. And anyone else not on the lawyer side
3 from the White House involved?

4 A. Not to my recollection.

5 Q. And anyone other than the lawyers you've
6 mentioned on your side involved in drafting it?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you see the final -- the original
9 final statement before it went out?

10 A. Yes, I did.

11 Q. You approved it?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. And then the second statement, did you see
14 that before it went out?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you approved that?

17 A. Yes.

18 MR. FUTERFAS: Just for a point of
19 clarification, I think at that time in July members
20 of the Kasowitz firm were representing President
21 Trump.

22 BY MS. SAWYER:

23 Q. So it could have been Mr. Kasowitz?

24 A. I think that timing still makes sense in
25 my recollection.

1 MS. SAWYER: We're going to shift gears a
2 little bit. My colleague Brian Privor is going to
3 ask you additional questions. So I'll turn it over
4 to him.

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. PRIVOR:

7 Q. Let's start with the Miss Universe Pageant
8 in 2013. You stated that you did not attend the
9 pageant. Were you in Russia at the time?

10 A. No, I was not.

11 Q. Where were you at the time?

12 A. I don't know, but probably New York.

13 Q. Any reason you didn't go to the pageant?

14 A. It wasn't a big part of our business.

15 Q. Fabien Baussart, you testified earlier
16 about him. You mentioned that you were
17 participating in a round table discussion with him
18 and other participants on the round table, you had
19 lunch and dinner with Mr. Baussart and his wife?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. Did you have any other meetings with
22 Mr. Baussart or his wife after that round table
23 discussion?

24 A. No, I did not.

25 Q. We saw some e-mails earlier where Jan

1 Jones was trying to make an arrangement and we
2 discussed the G7 meeting. No other meetings were
3 ever arranged?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did any meeting ever get arranged and you
6 subsequently canceled or didn't attend?

7 A. No.

8 Q. We've been talking earlier about different
9 business connections with Russia and our colleagues
10 referred to a statement that you made at the 2008
11 Cityscape USA Bridging U.S. and Emerging Real
12 Estate Markets Conference. This is the quote where
13 you mentioned disproportionate share of the assets
14 coming from Russia, and I think you referred to
15 that as referring to purchases of condos as opposed
16 to investments in the underlying development
17 projects?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Have there been any Russian investors in
20 any of the underlying development projects that you
21 can recall?

22 A. No, not that I can recall.

23 Q. The Trump Organization in addition to
24 buildings develops golf courses; is that right?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. Has there been any Russian investment in
2 any of the golf courses?

3 A. No.

4 Q. You have two golf courses in Dubai.
5 Either of those involve Russian investors?

6 A. Those are set up as licensing deals, but I
7 don't believe so. They are owned by DAMAC, a
8 publicly traded company in the UAE, but no, not to
9 my knowledge. Those are not our golf courses.

10 Q. And we've been talking about Russian
11 investors. How about any other investors from the
12 former Soviet Republic, have any of them been
13 investors in any of your development projects that
14 you're aware of?

15 A. Where we are the developer, no.

16 Q. How about where it's a licensing deal, are
17 you aware of instances where Russians or former
18 Soviet Republic investors are involved in the
19 development side of the deal?

20 A. None that I can recall, but there may be
21 small -- we're not in charge of who does financing
22 for what. I would probably know it and most of
23 them were done by larger institutions, but I'm not
24 aware of any, no.

25 MR. FUTERFAS: Let me have one minute before

1 your next question.

2 (Whereupon a discussion was had
3 sotto voce.)

4 MR. FUTERFAS: I'm sorry.

5 BY MR. PRIVOR:

6 Q. You just stated, Mr. Trump, that you're
7 not responsible for determining who the investors
8 are in the development side of the deal; is that
9 right?

10 A. If it's a licensed deal whereby someone is
11 taking our brand and putting it on a building and
12 we are not the developer, correct, we would not be
13 in charge of financing. So, again, most of those
14 deals would have -- were done by reputable
15 institutions, but that doesn't mean there's not
16 someone -- I just want to be clear that doesn't
17 mean there's someone that doesn't have half a
18 percent stake, came in on a mez loan later on, and
19 could then say, well, we were an investor in the
20 project. That's possible, but I'm not aware of it.

21 Q. So you're not responsible for identifying
22 the investors. Do you take an interest -- you
23 meaning, broadly speaking, the Trump Organization,
24 do you take an interest in who the investors are in
25 a development deal when you're just licensing?

1 A. I would say we take an interest in the
2 people who are ultimately our partners as best we
3 can, but, you know, again, partnership and the
4 financing there would be different. We wouldn't be
5 that involved in the financing side of things.

6 Q. And by partners you're including the
7 developer?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What sort of due diligence do you do on
10 your partners when you're going to have a licensing
11 deal?

12 A. Depends on the deal.

13 Q. Let's take -- well, let's back up a little
14 bit. We talked earlier, you spoke with our
15 colleagues about a gentleman named Felix Sater?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Who is Mr. Sater again?

18 A. He was a gentleman that worked at the
19 Bayrock Group. They were partners of ours on a
20 deal that we had worked on in Fort Lauderdale as
21 well as Trump Soho.

22 Q. How did you first come to know Mr. Sater?

23 A. I believe it was early 2000s, probably
24 talking about the Fort Lauderdale deal as I believe
25 that was the first deal we did with them.

1 Q. And how is it that you came to know him
2 with respect to that particular deal?

3 A. I don't remember.

4 Q. Do you know who approached whom?

5 A. I don't.

6 Q. Do you recall who the developer was for
7 the Fort Lauderdale deal?

8 A. Ultimately a gentleman named Roy Stillman
9 I think became the primary developer there.

10 Q. Did it also involve the Bayrock Group?

11 A. Yes, they had a piece of that deal.

12 Q. And Mr. Sater was involved?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Was he affiliated with the Bayrock Group
15 at the time?

16 A. I believe so.

17 Q. Do you know what his role was?

18 A. I believe he ran a lot of their
19 development operations in the U.S.

20 Q. Is he a senior member of the team?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Would you call him a principal at the
23 Bayrock?

24 A. I don't know their financial structure.
25 So I mean, principal in terms of ownership I don't

1 know, but yes, I believe he was in charge of their
2 U.S. developments.

3 Q. And you don't recall who actually brought
4 the Fort Lauderdale deal to you?

5 A. No, I don't.

6 Q. When you first started doing business with
7 Mr. Sater did you do any sort of background check
8 on him or any due diligence on him?

9 A. I don't recall.

10 Q. Do you typically do background checks on
11 people that you're going to partner with in real
12 estate deals?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And what do you do typically for a
15 background check?

16 A. Usually go through some sort of agency
17 that specializes in those kinds of things.

18 Q. Like a Billiter?

19 A. I don't remember the names of the
20 agencies. I don't do it myself.

21 Q. Who does that?

22 A. Various people within the organization.

23 Q. Do you have a particular group that
24 handles that?

25 A. No, not a particular group.

1 Q. It's sort of all hands on deck to run
2 background checks?

3 A. I don't know if that's an accurate
4 description, but there are people. Usually a
5 lower-level guy on the team would look, you know,
6 and start the process of doing a background check.

7 Q. Do you know if anybody at the Trump
8 Organization knew Mr. Sater before you first did
9 business with him?

10 A. I don't believe that they did, no.

11 Q. Do you know if Michael Cohen had any
12 relationship with Mr. Sater before you did business
13 with him?

14 A. I think we did business with Mr. Sater
15 before we met Michael Cohen, but I could be
16 mistaken.

17 Q. Do you recall when Mr. Cohen joined the
18 Trump Organization?

19 A. Maybe 2006 or '7, something like that.

20 Q. Did Mr. Sater ever work for the Trump
21 Organization himself directly?

22 A. Not as an employee, no.

23 Q. Were you aware that he carried a business
24 card that showed his association with the Trump
25 Organization?

1 A. I've since seen that, yes.

2 Q. Do you know why he had a business card
3 identifying himself as a member of the Trump
4 Organization?

5 A. I don't.

6 Q. Do you have any idea how he got that
7 business card?

8 A. I don't.

9 Q. If I wanted to get a business card that
10 says I work for the Trump Organization, I'm a
11 senior advisor to now the President, would I have
12 to go through somebody at the Trump Organization to
13 do that?

14 A. Presumably, yes.

15 Q. And who would that be?

16 A. I don't know.

17 Q. I think we discussed earlier a trip to
18 Russia where you met Mr. Sater there; is that
19 right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. What were the circumstances in which you
22 had met him in Russia?

23 A. I believe he wanted to show us a potential
24 real estate deal that could be a Trump-branded
25 building in Moscow.

1 Q. Like a Trump Tower in Moscow?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Did anyone else attend your trip -- join
4 you on that trip?

5 A. I believe my sister was with me.

6 Q. Your sister being Ivanka?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And that particular Trump Tower deal never
9 came to fruition; is that right?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. Did there ever come a time that you became
12 aware that Mr. Sater had a criminal history?

13 A. Yes. I've read that since. I don't
14 remember when.

15 Q. Is that something that you learned
16 recently or in years past?

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. You had mentioned the Trump Soho project.
19 Is that one that you had put together with
20 Mr. Sater?

21 A. Amongst others, yes.

22 Q. Did that also involve the Bayrock Group?

23 A. It did.

24 Q. Do you know how that particular project
25 was first conceived?

1 A. Yes. Bayrock Group I believe purchased
2 the land that the building now sits on. They then
3 flipped a lot of that project after securing I
4 think development rights for essentially what is
5 now the building to another partner, stayed in it,
6 and brought us in ultimately for design expertise,
7 managing of the hotel that was put on the site,
8 aesthetic components, et cetera.

9 Q. Who ultimately served as the developer of
10 that project?

11 A. I believe it was the Sapir Organization.

12 Q. I'm sorry?

13 A. Sapir Organization, S-A-P-I-R.

14 Q. Who is the Sapir Organization?

15 A. They're a development group and owner of
16 lots of buildings in New York City.

17 Q. Do you know who the principal of the Sapir
18 Organization is?

19 A. I believe it's Alex Sapir.

20 Q. How do you know him?

21 A. I've known Alex through New York and his
22 father lived in Trump Tower.

23 Q. Was the Bayrock Group also involved in the
24 Trump Soho?

25 A. Yes, they were.

1 Q. Do you recall what the basic structure of
2 that particular deal was in terms of, you know,
3 what was the equity and debt, the basic outlines of
4 that?

5 A. I guess there were three principal, you
6 know, equity partners, that would have been us with
7 a smaller stake, Sapir Organization and Bayrock.
8 There was debt as well as mezzanine financing I
9 guess ahead of all of that.

10 Q. You mentioned that the Trump Organization
11 had a small portion of the equity?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Did you actually contribute capital for
14 the equity?

15 A. We did not.

16 Q. But you had a share of the equity for
17 purposes of the capital structure distributions?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. How did you come to have -- "you," meaning
20 the Trump Organization, how did you come to have a
21 share of the equity in that deal?

22 A. Because we brought our expertise to the
23 project and we took it as equity rather than fees.

24 Q. Were you personally involved in that
25 particular project?

1 A. I was.

2 Q. What was your role?

3 A. I don't know that I had a defined role,
4 but I was involved in aspects of the design,
5 ultimately involved in aspects of management of the
6 hotel primarily because our biggest aspect would be
7 the management and subsequent management of the
8 hotel once it was built and under operation.

9 Q. Did you have an equity stake in the
10 project as well personally?

11 A. Yes. My sister and I had a small stake.

12 Q. Was that through an entity?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Is that Donka Soho Member?

15 A. Yes, it is.

16 Q. What's your sister's role in the
17 project?

18 A. Same.

19 Q. Did you receive any income or salary or
20 other fees other than your equity interest?

21 A. No, not that I remember.

22 MR. FUTERFAS: Before you ask your next
23 question, can I just consult?

24 MR. PRIVOR: Of course.

25 MS. SAWYER: While we have a pause I also had

1 meant to mentioned earlier that we've been joined
2 by Senator Whitehouse.

3 MR. FUTERFAS: Okay. Sorry to interrupt you.

4 (Whereupon a discussion was had
5 sotto voce.)

6 BY MR. PRIVOR:

7 Q. You mentioned there was also financing,
8 possibly mezzanine finance involved in that. Who
9 secured the financing for that deal, do you recall?

10 A. I don't.

11 Q. Do you know who supplied the debt side of
12 the deal?

13 A. I believe iStar was in there somewhere I
14 think as the mez, and I don't recall exactly who
15 had the construction lender structure.

16 Q. Were there any domestic banks involved
17 providing financing?

18 A. I don't remember.

19 Q. Do you recall if there were any foreign
20 banks providing any of the financing?

21 A. I don't remember the structure. I think
22 if iStar was in there that's a U.S.-based mez fund.
23 So they would have been in there, but I don't
24 remember the construction side of it.

25 Q. Did you do any due diligence on Bayrock

1 before entering a development deal with them?

2 A. Again, I don't know that they were the
3 principal developer. I don't know if we did
4 additional diligence because we'd already been
5 partners with them before that.

6 Q. How about the Sapir Organization?

7 A. I don't remember.

8 MR. FUTERFAS: One second.

9 (Whereupon a discussion was had
10 sotto voce.)

11 BY MR. PRIVOR:

12 Q. I had asked you a few moments ago whether
13 you came to learn of Mr. Sater's criminal history
14 and, I'm sorry, I don't recall -- you did know of
15 it at some point?

16 A. I did. I just don't remember when I found
17 out.

18 Q. Do you recall any meetings concerning
19 Mr. Sater's criminal history having been discovered
20 with respect to the Soho development?

21 A. Not that I recall, no.

22 Q. Do you recall any instance in which the
23 equity structure of the deal had changed on account
24 of Mr. Sater's criminal history?

25 A. I don't, no.

1 Q. Do you know if the financing was ever
2 changed on account of Mr. Sater's criminal history?

3 A. Not that I recall, no.

4 Q. Do you know whether there was any effort
5 to notify the lenders or the mezzanine finance with
6 respect to Mr. Sater's criminal history?

7 A. No, I don't.

8 Q. If you wanted to find that out, who would
9 you ask?

10 A. Presumably the lenders.

11 Q. We could ask the lenders. Who was in the
12 Trump Organization who would know if anyone from
13 Trump had notified the lenders?

14 A. Again, since we weren't the lead developer
15 it likely wouldn't have come from us. We wouldn't
16 have come that way. So it would probably have to
17 go through the Sapir Organization because I think
18 they were lead.

19 Q. Do you know if your father had ever come
20 to learn that Mr. Sater had a criminal history?

21 A. I don't know.

22 Q. Was there ever any effort to disguise
23 Mr. Sater's involvement in the project that you're
24 aware of?

25 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

1 Q. Do you recall when the Trump Soho building
2 began selling condominiums?

3 A. Well, let me keep it general. Late 2000.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. Meaning '8 or '9 probably.

6 Q. So after the real estate crash or market
7 crash, generally speaking?

8 A. During, after, yeah.

9 Q. And what happened on account of the market
10 environment? Were you able to sell the condos?

11 A. Sales became quite slow.

12 Q. Were there any restrictions on selling of
13 condos as compared to a conventional condominium in
14 New York?

15 A. There's usually release prices imposed by
16 the lenders. So you can't sell below a sort of
17 benchmark per square foot price so that their
18 contribution is secured by those sales.

19 Q. Were there restrictions due to residential
20 zoning agreements or requirements?

21 A. Can you please just rephrase the question?

22 Q. Were there any -- let me start over. Were
23 there any residential zoning restrictions on
24 selling these condos to the public?

25 A. There were restrictions placed on the

1 condominium that it couldn't serve as a pure
2 condominium. It was a hotel-condominium. So what
3 that means to a buyer, think of it if you bought
4 unit 502, you own a one-bedroom hotel unit. We'll
5 manage it for you, you own the revenues associated
6 therewith, you can use it when you're in town, but
7 you can't stay there for more than 30 days in a
8 row, X number of days in a year. I think the
9 ordinance was put in place to prevent a sort of
10 trojan horse where you say you're building a hotel,
11 but you're actually building a condominium in that
12 zoning market.

13 Q. Okay. So that's a restriction that would
14 have been communicated to any buyer or perspective
15 buyer?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did that hamper sales of the condominiums?

18 A. I think it's a restriction that we all
19 understood going into it. It limits the market in
20 that you're looking for a pied-a-terre-type buyer,
21 someone likely not from New York City because they
22 can't live there 365 days a year, but it was what
23 was needed to make the project feasible.

24 Q. Given that you're not looking typically
25 for a New York buyer, does that mean you were

1 looking for overseas investors?

2 A. For overseas, out of state, people who
3 visit New York.

4 Q. Who was responsible for the marketing of
5 that project?

6 A. A group called Prodigy.

7 Q. Where is Prodigy based?

8 A. I believe they're based in New York and
9 Miami.

10 Q. Do you know who the principals of Prodigy
11 are?

12 A. At the time I believe it was a gentleman
13 named Rodrigo Nino.

14 Q. Who is he?

15 A. He's a real estate broker in New York that
16 ran Prodigy.

17 Q. Do you know whether -- what the proportion
18 of buyers for that particular development were that
19 were foreign versus U.S.-based buyers?

20 A. I don't.

21 Q. Is that a record that the Trump
22 Organization would keep track of?

23 A. I imagine the sales agent would keep track
24 of that, not us.

25 Q. Would that be Prodigy?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Is that something that Prodigy would share
3 with the Trump Organization?

4 A. I don't know that it would matter to us
5 where the buyers came from, but they may have.

6 Q. Would you have ever looked at -- the Trump
7 Organization broadly speaking, would you have ever
8 looked at who the buyers were for particular
9 condominiums?

10 A. We would likely not have been involved in
11 any kind of screening process like that, no.

12 Q. So if you had a bunch of buyers who
13 happened to be Russians, would that be something
14 that would come across your radar?

15 A. Not likely.

16 Q. Would Prodigy have brought that to the
17 Trump Organization's attention if that were the
18 case?

19 A. Probably not.

20 Q. Is that something you would inquire about?

21 A. Probably not.

22 Q. You wouldn't -- the Trump Organization
23 wouldn't keep any records of who the buyers were of
24 the particular condos?

25 A. No. Oftentimes we would probably see it

1 eventually when it came to operations, but during
2 the sales process we wouldn't have been actively
3 involved in that. I don't think at least.

4 Q. We'll stick with the Trump Soho. Do you
5 know whether that particular project permitted
6 anonymous buyers?

7 A. I don't know what that means.

8 Q. Is it possible to buy a condominium
9 without disclosing a beneficial ownership of the
10 actual buyer?

11 A. I imagine people, you know, as would often
12 be the case, would buy a condominium in an LLC.
13 So, you know, some sort of corporate structure that
14 way I would imagine is pretty common, but I don't
15 know.

16 Q. And does the Trump Organization do any due
17 diligence to determine who the beneficial owners
18 are of a particular buyer?

19 A. In that case we would not have been
20 involved, no.

21 Q. Would that fall to Prodigy again?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you know whether any buyers paid all
24 cash for their particular units?

25 A. No idea.

1 Q. Is that something that the Trump
2 Organization keeps track of?

3 A. Not that I recall, no.

4 Q. Is that something that Prodigy could keep
5 track of?

6 A. I don't know that it would matter to
7 Prodigy. So I don't know that they would keep
8 track of it. Whether a buyer shows up with cash or
9 shows up with a bank check, you know, with
10 financing in place, it wasn't their or our role to
11 help secure financing. So I don't know.

12 Q. You're not sure that it would matter
13 whether the purchaser was a cash buyer?

14 A. I don't think so, no.

15 Q. Would you ever consider what the
16 provenance of the money was that was used to
17 purchase a particular condo?

18 A. In the case of Trump Soho certainly not
19 because we weren't in charge of that, but I think
20 there are definitely cash buyers that as developers
21 I've seen and heard of all over the place.

22 Q. Are there other Trump projects that the
23 Trump Organization served as the agent for actually
24 selling the units?

25 A. There are some where we've served or at

1 least partially served in that capacity as sponsor
2 on occasion, yes.

3 Q. And in those cases where the Trump
4 Organization serves as sponsor did the Trump
5 Organization perform any due diligence on who the
6 buyers of the particular units are?

7 A. I don't recall.

8 Q. Do you recall which buildings those were
9 where Trump was a sponsor?

10 A. Trump Soho Trump was a sponsor and likely
11 had our own leasing team or selling team in there
12 because sometimes you would bring in a group -- in
13 most cases you would bring in a group, a Corcoran
14 or a Douglas Elliman and say, okay, you guys are in
15 charge of sales. We're the developer, we'll build
16 it, we're still the sponsor, but they're the ones
17 doing the active selling. So it just depends on a
18 case-by-case basis.

19 Q. Okay. So in Trump Soho Trump was a
20 sponsor but wasn't actually doing any of the
21 selling?

22 A. Trump wasn't a sponsor. Trump had a piece
23 of the equity, but the sponsor I believe is Sapir.

24 MR. GARTEN: I'm sorry to interject. I think
25 you just misspoke. You said Trump Soho was the

1 sponsor earlier.

2 MR. TRUMP: No. Oh, I'm sorry.

3 MR. GARTEN: Trump was the sponsor of Trump
4 Soho.

5 MR. TRUMP: Trump was not the sponsor of
6 Trump Soho, no.

7 MR. GARTEN: Okay.

8 MR. TRUMP: I think I meant Trump Park
9 Avenue. I'm sorry. I apologize. A lot of Trumps.

10 MR. FUTERFAS: Okay. Excuse me.

11 (Whereupon a discussion was had
12 sotto voce.)

13 BY MR. PRIVOR:

14 Q. Are there other projects where you can
15 recall where the Trump Organization served as a
16 sponsor responsible for selling the units?

17 A. Let's see. Where we -- I think Trump Park
18 Avenue is the primary one where, you know, I would
19 be aware of where we served as sponsor and also
20 didn't often work with outside brokerage.

21 Q. Any others that you can recall?

22 A. I think most utilized outside salespeople.
23 Maybe Vegas, but I'm speculating now. I just don't
24 remember the structure of the sales teams.

25 Q. Other than Park Avenue you can't recall

1 any today?

2 A. That doesn't mean they weren't there. I
3 just don't --

4 Q. Understood. I just want to make sure we
5 understand the scope of your memory.

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. We've talked a bit about Bayrock. Are
8 there other projects where Bayrock was partnered
9 with the Trump Organization?

10 A. Again, Fort Lauderdale and Soho are the
11 two.

12 Q. How about in Phoenix?

13 A. The deal never went forward.

14 Q. How about Hotel du Parc on Lake Geneva?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did that ever come to fruition?

17 A. I'm not even aware of it coming to me.

18 Q. Are you familiar with the Swiss
19 Development Group?

20 A. That's the name of it?

21 Q. I'm asking if you're familiar with the
22 Swiss Development Group?

23 A. I'm not, no.

24 Q. Do you know who Victor Khrapunov is?
25 K-H-R-A-P-U-N-O-V.

1 A. I do not.

2 Q. Do you know if had owned any condominiums
3 in Trump Soho?

4 A. He may, but I don't know.

5 Q. You mentioned a Moscow project that didn't
6 come into -- never came to fruition with Mr. Sater
7 in 2006 I think you said?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Was there ever another effort by Mr. Sater
10 to bring together a development in Moscow?

11 A. I believe in 2015 he worked on something
12 to that effect with Mike Cohen.

13 Q. And Mike Cohen is counsel at the Trump
14 Organization?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Tell us about that. How did that -- do
17 you know anything about that deal?

18 A. Very little.

19 Q. What do you know about it?

20 A. I know that it got to an LOI and that's
21 about the extent of it.

22 Q. Do you know who signed the LOI? An LOI is
23 letter of intent?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. Do you know who signed it?

1 A. I believe my father signed it.

2 Q. On behalf of the Trump Organization?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you know who the counterparties were?

5 A. I don't.

6 Q. Was Bayrock involved in that one?

7 A. I don't believe so.

8 Q. Do you have any idea who was the potential
9 counterparty on that deal?

10 A. I don't, no.

11 Q. But it was somebody connected to Felix
12 Sater?

13 A. I don't know if they're connected to Felix
14 Sater or if they knew Felix. He was involved as a
15 broker. I don't know if he's a principal. I
16 wasn't involved.

17 Q. I presume the Trump Organization still has
18 the letter of intent?

19 A. I would imagine.

20 Q. Is that something you could produce to the
21 Committee if we needed to see that?

22 A. I don't see why not. I'll check with
23 counsel.

24 Q. It's been reported I believe on CNN that
25 Mr. Cohen had reached out to an e-mail box at the

1 Kremlin that was a generic mailbox for Dmitry
2 Peskov. Were you aware of that before the public
3 reporting?

4 A. No, I was not.

5 Q. Did you have any involvement in this
6 potential deal in Moscow?

7 A. Like I said, I was peripherally aware of
8 it, but most of my knowledge has been gained since
9 as it relates to hearing about it over the last few
10 weeks.

11 Q. In this same time frame, 2015 or 2016,
12 when Mr. Sater and Mr. Cohen were exploring a
13 possible deal, do you know if anyone else was also
14 exploring a deal simultaneously with the Trump
15 Organization to build in Moscow?

16 A. I don't believe so.

17 Q. We've discussed the Agalarov family, Emin
18 and his father Aras. Do you know if they were also
19 exploring building a Trump Tower in Moscow?

20 A. We had looked at it earlier than that, but
21 it sort of faded away I believe at the end of '14.

22 Q. But not in 2015 or 2016?

23 A. Certainly not '16. There was never a
24 definitive end to it. It just died of deal
25 fatigue.

1 Q. How did that deal first come about?

2 MR. FUTERFAS: Which just for clarification?

3 MR. PRIVOR: The Agalarovs in 2014.

4 BY THE WITNESS:

5 A. They had hosted the Miss Universe Pageant.

6 They were Russian developers. They had a place

7 called Crocus City Hall where the pageant happened.

8 They had a development site across the street,

9 nearby, I've never been there to see that site, and

10 wanted to talk about potentially doing a Trump-

11 branded building there.

12 Q. Did you know the Agalarovs independently

13 of the Miss Universe Pageant, before Miss Universe?

14 A. Not that I recall, no.

15 Q. How about your father, do you know if he

16 had any connection to them before Miss Universe?

17 A. I don't believe he did.

18 Q. Do you know how they were first introduced

19 to your father?

20 A. I don't.

21 Q. So just two days after the Miss Universe

22 Pageant your father put out a Tweet referring to

23 Aras Agalarov saying that he "Had a great weekend

24 with you and your family, you've done a fantastic

25 job. Trump Tower Moscow is next" in all bold caps.

1 "Emin was wow." Presumably Emin performed at Miss
2 Universe; is that right?

3 A. He performed there.

4 Q. So following the Miss Universe Pageant
5 your father Tweeted about Trump Tower Moscow. Does
6 that refresh your recollection in terms of the
7 timing of when there was a discussion with the
8 Agalarovs?

9 A. As I said, it was shortly thereafter, but
10 I don't remember the exact timing.

11 Q. Do you know whether financing was ever
12 discussed with the Trump Organization for building
13 a Trump Tower in Moscow?

14 A. I don't believe it was.

15 Q. Have you ever heard of a Russian
16 affiliated bank known as Sberbank, S-B-E-R-B-A-N-K?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you know if they were ever involved in
19 any financing deal for a Trump project?

20 A. Not that I'm aware of.

21 Q. Do you know who Herman Gref?

22 A. Herman Gref.

23 Q. G-R-E-F.

24 A. No.

25 Q. He might go by German Gref.

1 A. Not that I recall.

2 Q. Did the Trump Organization ever explore
3 building a project in Baku, Azerbaijan?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And when was that?

6 A. I wasn't the lead on the project. So
7 maybe I'll defer to Alan.

8 Q. I don't think Alan wants to testify today.

9 A. I don't know the exact timing. Would 2012
10 sound right? I don't know the exact timing.

11 Q. You don't recall exactly?

12 MR. FUTERFAS: Just a second.

13 (Whereupon a discussion was had
14 sotto voce.)

15 BY MR. PRIVOR:

16 Q. Do you know who was involved in the
17 Azerbaijan project or potential project?

18 A. I don't recall, no.

19 Q. Anyone from the Trump Organization you can
20 recall?

21 A. I believe my sister was involved and
22 presumably members of our development team.

23 Q. Do you know who the potential counterparty
24 was on that deal?

25 A. I don't remember.

1 Q. And that deal never came to fruition; is
2 that right?

3 A. It never got built, no.

4 Q. Do you know why?

5 A. I don't.

6 Q. Are you familiar with the Mammadov family?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Don't know them at all?

9 A. I may have met them, but I don't know
10 them, no.

11 Q. Aras Agalarov is from Azerbaijan. Do you
12 know if he was related to that particular project?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. How did you first come to meet Emin
15 Agalarov?

16 A. I don't remember how we were first
17 introduced. I believe the first time we met in
18 person was when he performed at the WGC
19 Championship, as I mentioned in my opening
20 statement. Presumably I was introduced to him when
21 we started talking about a potential real estate
22 development with the Agalarovs shortly after the
23 Miss Universe Pageant.

24 Q. Had you ever met his father?

25 A. I don't believe I have, no.

1 Q. Not at any time?

2 A. Not that I recall, no.

3 Q. Do you know whether either of the
4 Agalarovs attended the inauguration for your father
5 as President?

6 A. I don't.

7 Q. Do you know if they were invited?

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. Do you know whether Mr. -- the father,
10 Aras Agalarov, has any connection to Vladimir
11 Putin?

12 A. I don't know.

13 Q. How about Emin?

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. We had looked at earlier this morning the
16 e-mail from Mr. Goldstone and Mr. Goldstone refers
17 to the Agalarovs having information and refers to a
18 connection to the Russian government. Did that
19 come as a surprise to you?

20 A. What's the question?

21 Q. Did it come as a surprise to you that
22 Mr. Goldstone was referring to a connection between
23 the Agalarovs and the Russian government?

24 A. I don't know. I don't know if I thought
25 about it.

1 Q. When you're reviewing your counterparties
2 for a potential deal you said that you'll do some
3 sort of background check. Do you ever check to
4 determine if your counterparty is prohibited from
5 doing business with U.S. persons because they're on
6 the U.S. sanctions list?

7 A. Again, I would imagine that would fall to
8 whoever's doing the background check.

9 Q. And that's some underling, you don't
10 recall who it is?

11 A. I mean, the agency doing the background
12 check presumably would notify us of that.

13 Q. At what stage of a potential development
14 deal do you actually conduct a background check?

15 A. Depends. Before we start doing serious
16 work.

17 Q. Is it before the letter of intent is
18 signed?

19 A. Not always, no.

20 Q. So sometimes you'll sign a letter of
21 intent with a counterparty for which you don't know
22 what their background is, whether they're a
23 suitable partner?

24 A. I think if there's an understanding they
25 have a reputation as being successful developers we

1 could get past that stage without having gone
2 through it, yes.

3 Q. And how do you determine whether somebody
4 has the financial wherewithal to complete a project
5 as a developer?

6 A. Further diligence.

7 Q. And what kind of diligence is performed to
8 determine their financial wherewithal?

9 A. In cases where we're coming in as a
10 license we may not even get involved in that. We
11 would look to see if they properly owned the land,
12 what the financing structure would be, we'd discuss
13 that with them, but there's not a fixed process as
14 to determine that.

15 In the case of the Agalarovs it's pretty
16 clear they were successful developers, we'd seen
17 what they did after Miss Universe. So we were
18 willing to have dialogue talking about a potential
19 deal, but, again, it didn't go anywhere.

20 Q. So if the Agalarovs were, for instance,
21 your potential counterparty, you wouldn't look into
22 where they were getting the money to actually
23 finance a particular deal they were going to
24 develop with your name on it?

25 A. We would. Once we got to financing we

1 would likely get involved with that, but that's
2 usually further down the road.

3 Q. So much after the letter of intent is
4 signed?

5 A. Definitely.

6 Q. At that point when you're going to check
7 the financial wherewithal do you know what's
8 actually done to confirm they have the financial
9 ability to perform?

10 A. I don't.

11 Q. Who would take care of that? Who in the
12 Trump Organization would manage that process?

13 A. Likely our CFO would look at something
14 like that.

15 Q. Who is that?

16 A. Allen Weisselberg.

17 Q. With respect to the Agalarovs, do you know
18 whether the Trump Organization ever performed any
19 financial due diligence on them?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. So with respect to the various projects
22 that were considered with the Agalarovs, you don't
23 know whether it ever got to the stage where
24 financial due diligence was performed?

25 A. There was only one project that I'm aware

1 of that was discussed with the Agalarovs and it
2 never got to that stage.

3 Q. Do you know who Ivan --

4 MR. FUTERFAS: Can I have one minute?

5 MR. PRIVOR: Of course.

6 (Whereupon a discussion was had

7 sotto voce.)

8 BY MR. PRIVOR:

9 Q. Do you know the name Ivan Markov?

10 A. I don't, to the best of my knowledge.

11 Q. Do you know whether any party other than
12 those we discussed ever met with the Trump
13 Organization to discuss building a Trump Palace in
14 Moscow?

15 A. Maybe. I don't know.

16 Q. Who would know that?

17 A. Well, myself or my sister, but I believe
18 we're the only ones that looked at, you know, deals
19 other than what we've discussed in potentially
20 Moscow. But, again, nothing ever came to fruition.
21 So these are people that perhaps I met but don't
22 even recall meeting.

23 Q. The Trump Organization obviously considers
24 lots of development projects. Does the
25 organization keep any sort of log of those that it

1 has considered?

2 A. Not an official log, no.

3 Q. Is there a file that would contain, for
4 instance, all letters of intent that are entered
5 into?

6 A. I would imagine our legal department would
7 keep that, yes.

8 Q. Do you know that they do keep them?

9 A. I don't know that they do, but I assume
10 that they would.

11 Q. Any time the Trump Organization enters
12 into a letter of intent is that something that has
13 to go through your father or can somebody else sign
14 a letter of intent?

15 A. No, it wouldn't have to go through my
16 father necessarily.

17 Q. Who else can sign on behalf of the Trump
18 Organization?

19 A. My siblings and I could have.

20 Q. And is there a rule or any sort of
21 internal policy in terms of when you can sign
22 versus it would have to go to the level that your
23 father signs it?

24 A. No.

25 Q. So you or your siblings could pursue a

1 development deal without consulting your father?

2 A. We likely would consult him, but we could
3 pursue plenty of deals, look at plenty of deals.
4 We wouldn't likely bring him stuff before we
5 believe them to be real and he didn't spend very
6 much time dealing with license deals.

7 Q. In terms of real estate developments,
8 approximately how many projects a year does the
9 Trump Organization consider?

10 A. For our own developments?

11 Q. Development or licensing.

12 A. Could be 10 or 15, could be dozens. Every
13 year's different depending on the market cycle,
14 depending on what's going on.

15 Q. Looking back at 2016, can you recall how
16 many deals the Trump Organization considered for
17 Trump being the developer?

18 A. 2016 for Trump being the developer? Well,
19 we were in the process of doing and finishing
20 Doral. So we had a big stake in that. And we were
21 doing the same thing at the old Post Office. So in
22 terms of our own developments our plates were
23 pretty full with that as well as smaller stuff as
24 it related so some of our golf course developments,
25 but those were our primary focus in that area.

1 Q. But apart from those that were actually in
2 development, were there others that you considered
3 as an organization for Trump serving as the
4 developer in 2016?

5 A. I'm sure we looked at stuff. I just don't
6 remember what it was.

7 Q. How about for licensing deals, do you
8 recall in 2016 how many licensing deals there were
9 for real estate developments where Trump would
10 serve as the name on the building?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. Do you have a ballpark guess?

13 A. A dozen. I don't remember exactly.

14 Q. And for each of those dozen or so deals,
15 whatever the exact number is, would there be a
16 letter of intent for each one?

17 A. No, not necessarily.

18 Q. What are the circumstances that require
19 entering into a letter of intent?

20 A. There would have to be, you know, a deal
21 in place, the ability to believe that something
22 could happen, you know, on those sites, we get
23 comfortable with the location and what was
24 ultimately going to be built, numerous criteria
25 that would go into that.

1 Q. But your comfort you described earlier
2 does not include necessarily financial due
3 diligence, that may come later?

4 A. That could come later, yes.

5 Q. Just one question about your visits to
6 Russia. I think you stated earlier you recalled
7 being there four or five times?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. And the most recent was when?

10 A. I believe the last was 2011.

11 Q. With respect to the potential Sater deal
12 in Moscow 2015 or early 2016, did you ever travel
13 to Russia?

14 A. I did not.

15 Q. Did you ever speak to anybody from Russia
16 about that deal?

17 A. About that deal, no.

18 Q. About any other deals in Russia in that
19 time period?

20 A. No, I don't believe so.

21 Q. And among all the deals that were
22 considered you mentioned potential licensing deals
23 in 2016 as well as the two developments that you
24 mentioned. Did you speak to anybody from Russia
25 with regard to any of those projects that you can

1 recall?

2 A. No, not that I can recall.

3 MR. PRIVOR: I think our time is up. We'll
4 go off the record at --

5 MR. FOSTER: You have ten more minutes if you
6 want it.

7 MR. PRIVOR: We'll continue for a few more
8 minutes.

9 MS. SAWYER: Just quickly, you already have
10 told us that you did not go to the Miss Universe
11 Pageant in 2013. Did your father ever talk to you
12 about his visit there

13 MR. TRUMP: No, he did not.

14 MS. SAWYER: So you don't really know about
15 what he did while he was there and who he might
16 have met with?

17 MR. TRUMP: No, not in any detail.

18 BY MR. PRIVOR:

19 Q. I'm going to give you a series of names.
20 With respect to each one of them can you tell us
21 whether you had any contact with these people
22 during the campaign season with respect to your
23 father's campaign.

24 You mentioned earlier Irakly or Ike
25 Kaveladze. Other than the June 9th meeting, have

1 you had any other contact with him during the
2 campaign?

3 A. During the campaign, no, I don't believe
4 so. I believe the only communications I ever had
5 with him before the meeting and, frankly, after
6 were in looking at the deal with Crocus which would
7 have petered out before the campaign.

8 Q. How about Oleg Deripaska?

9 A. Not that I recall.

10 Q. Do you know who he is?

11 A. I don't.

12 Q. How about Peter Katsyv?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you know who he is?

15 A. I don't.

16 Q. Dennis Katsyv?

17 A. Not that I recall, no.

18 Q. Do you know who he is?

19 A. No.

20 Q. How about Sergey Lavrov?

21 A. The name sounds familiar, but I don't know
22 who it is.

23 Q. Do you know whether you had any contact
24 with him during the campaign?

25 A. No, I did not.

1 Q. How about Sergey Kislyak?

2 A. Again, sounds familiar, but I think we
3 were talking about both of those last two names a
4 little bit earlier.

5 Q. Sergey Kislyak is the former Russian
6 ambassador.

7 A. The same would apply. I know they had a
8 meeting in my office and I'm not sure if I said
9 hello or not, but that's the extent. Maybe Lavrov,
10 he may be the gentleman that you mentioned in the
11 Michael Cohen e-mail. Is that where that comes
12 from?

13 MR. FUTERFAS: I thought maybe he was the NRA
14 person.

15 MR. TRUMP: I don't know. So the answer is
16 yeah, I may have heard the name, but I don't have
17 any real knowledge.

18 BY MR. PRIVOR:

19 Q. With respect to Ambassador Kislyak, other
20 than that possible chance encounter in your office,
21 did you have any other communication with him
22 during the campaign?

23 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

24 Q. How about Sergei Gorkov?

25 A. I don't believe so.

1 Q. Do you know who he is?

2 A. Sergei Gorkov?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. Can you spell it, please.

5 Q. G-O-R-K-O-V.

6 A. I don't believe so.

7 Q. How about Igor Sechin?

8 A. I don't believe so.

9 Q. Do you know him?

10 A. Not that I recall.

11 Q. Konstantin Kilimnik?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you know who he is?

14 A. I don't.

15 Q. Dmitry Peskov, do you know him?

16 A. The name sounds familiar, but I believe
17 it's because it was mentioned earlier today. So I
18 don't know him and I don't believe I've met him.

19 Q. Have you had any communications with him?

20 A. I don't believe so, no.

21 Q. How about Sergei Ivanov?

22 A. No.

23 MR. FUTERFAS: Excuse me. For
24 clarification -- I'm sorry. were you finished with
25 that answer?

1 MR. TRUMP: Yes.

2 MR. FUTERFAS: The testimony earlier was
3 about Mr. Trump meeting someone at an NRA
4 conference. I just don't remember the name of that
5 person. So when he says I don't recall meeting
6 that individual, to be clear --

7 MR. TRUMP: No, I don't think that name came
8 up.

9 MR. PRIVOR: Understood.

10 MR. TRUMP: It may include ---

11 MR. TRUMP: Yeah. If there's a context,
12 please give it to me.

13 BY MR. PRIVOR:

14 Q. How about Igor Diveykin?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Do you know who he is?

17 A. I don't.

18 Q. How about Konstantin Kosachev?

19 A. Not that I know of, no.

20 Q. You don't know who he is either?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Any communications with Victor Yanukovych?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Do you know who he is?

25 A. I've heard the name.

1 Q. Do you know in what context?

2 A. Isn't he the former president of the
3 Ukraine?

4 Q. He is.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. Do you know anything more about it?

7 A. That's the extent of it.

8 Q. How about Mikhail Kulagin?

9 A. No.

10 Q. You don't know who he is?

11 A. No.

12 Q. How about Mikhail Fridman?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Don't know who he is either?

15 A. Not that I recall.

16 Q. Any communications with Oleg Govorun?

17 A. I don't believe so.

18 Q. Don't know who he is?

19 A. No.

20 Q. How about any communications with Pyotr
21 Aven?

22 A. Doesn't sound familiar.

23 Q. And you don't know who he is?

24 A. No.

25 MR. PRIVOR: Why don't we take a break.

1 We'll go off the record. It's 1:47.

2 (A short break was had.)

3 MS. SAWYER: We'll go back on the record.

4 MR. FOSTER: It's 1:58. I'll just note
5 quickly for the record we're going to deviate a
6 little bit from the procedure. The majority staff
7 is going to defer to the minority staff to do
8 another round at this point. We only have one more
9 line of questioning, but we think it will be short.
10 So for efficiency sake we're going to let them
11 finish and then we'll have our round.

12 BY MR. PRIVOR:

13 Q. I'm going to ask a couple of cleanup
14 questions and I'll turn it over to my colleague
15 Heather.

16 Have you ever heard of an entity named
17 VTB Bank?

18 A. Not that I recall at this time, no.

19 Q. Does it ring a bell with you as providing
20 financing to any deal that the Trump Organization
21 had considered?

22 A. Could you give me some context?

23 Q. I'm just asking if you've heard of it.

24 A. I don't recall, no.

25 Q. Good enough.

1 When was the last time that you had seen
2 Mr. Sater in person, do you recall?

3 A. It's been years.

4 Q. Do you know whether he visited the Trump
5 Tower in July of 2016?

6 A. I don't.

7 Q. When's the last time you spoke to
8 Mr. Sater?

9 A. Also years.

10 Q. And how about when's the last
11 communication you've had with him in any other form
12 such as e-mail?

13 A. I have no idea.

14 Q. Do you know -- did you know that Mr. Cohen
15 and Mr. Sater had met in January of 2017?

16 A. I did not know.

17 Q. Are you familiar with a Ukrainian lawmaker
18 by the name of Andrey Artemenko?

19 A. I'm not.

20 MR. PRIVOR: I'll turn it over to Heather.

21 FURTHER EXAMINATION

22 BY MS. SAWYER:

23 Q. Are you familiar with the term or the
24 concept of "kompromat"?

25 A. I've heard of it in the last few weeks,

1 yes.

2 Q. And what is your understanding of that
3 term?

4 A. Compromising information.

5 Q. And have you ever been told that Russia
6 has compromising information on you?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Have you ever been told that Russia has
9 compromising information on your father?

10 A. No.

11 Q. On anyone else in your family?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Anyone associated with the Trump
14 Organization?

15 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

16 Q. Anyone associated with the Trump
17 campaign?

18 A. Same.

19 MR. FUTERFAS: I'm sorry, before you ask the
20 next question can I --

21 MS. SAWYER: Sure.

22 (Whereupon a discussion was had
23 sotto voce.)

24 MR. FUTERFAS: Just for clarification,
25 there's a press report or something that's called

1 the Steele dossier. Are you -- are your questions
2 directed to conversations other than conversations
3 that have been -- other than that reporting in the
4 press?

5 MS. SAWYER: Okay. Setting aside what your
6 counsel has referred to as the Steele dossier.

7 BY THE WITNESS:

8 A. I'm not aware of any, no.

9 Q. How about compromising information with
10 regard to Lieutenant General Flynn?

11 A. None.

12 Q. And what about Mr. Manafort?

13 A. Also none.

14 Q. The intelligence community in early
15 January published an unclassified assessment that
16 "Russia's intelligence services conducted cyber
17 operations against targets associated with the 2016
18 presidential election, including targets associated
19 with both major U.S. political parties." They
20 concluded that this was a part of a campaign where
21 they sought to support your father's prospects and
22 campaign and provided derogatory information
23 against his opponent, Hillary Clinton. Do you have
24 any evidence that contradicts or is inconsistent
25 with that assessment?

1 A. I'm not aware of any evidence that
2 confirms or denies it.

3 Q. Have you seen any intelligence reports
4 related to it?

5 A. I have not, no.

6 Q. Has anyone discussed with you any
7 intelligence reports related to it?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Do you have any other evidence that it was
10 related to that assessment?

11 A. Not that I'm aware of.

12 Q. Are you aware of anyone who encouraged,
13 supported, in any way aided Russia cyber operations
14 during the 2016 presidential election?

15 A. I'm not.

16 Q. Have you seen any e-mails or documents
17 that might have come from cyber operations during
18 the 2016 presidential election other than what's
19 been released publicly?

20 A. No.

21 Q. When and how did you first hear about the
22 availability of information gained through cyber
23 attacks on the Democratic National Committee?

24 A. I imagine WikiLeaks, but I don't know.

25 Q. And do you recall roughly when that was?

1 A. I don't. Summer '16, spring of '16.

2 Q. And that was the first you had heard of
3 it?

4 A. I believe so, yes.

5 Q. And how did you hear about it?

6 A. News, social media.

7 Q. And when did you first hear that that
8 information had been gained through a hack of the
9 DNC?

10 A. I don't know.

11 Q. Do you know if it was in June of 2016?

12 A. I imagine I found out when the rest of the
13 public heard it.

14 Q. So you learned through public reporting?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You didn't hear it from anyone within the
17 campaign before that?

18 A. Not to my knowledge, no.

19 Q. Anyone associated with the campaign in any
20 way?

21 A. I don't believe so.

22 MR. PRIVOR: Did anyone from WikiLeaks reach
23 out to you to tell you about the hacks?

24 MR. TRUMP: As I mentioned, they had
25 contacted me asking if I pushed some stuff out and

1 some other minor communications, but I believe that
2 was already well in process by that time.

3 MR. PRIVOR: Had anyone sent you a DM or
4 private message concerning hacks of the DNC
5 servers?

6 MR. TRUMP: Not that I recall, no.

7 BY MS. SAWYER:

8 Q. Did you or anyone else discuss finding
9 ways to obtain the information, once you had
10 learned about it publicly finding ways to obtain
11 that information?

12 MR. FUTERFAS: Can we just be specific which
13 information you're referring to?

14 MS. SAWYER: Sure.

15 BY MS. SAWYER:

16 Q. First of all, let me ask you when did you
17 first learn about the availability of John
18 Podesta's e-mails?

19 A. When the public was made aware.

20 Q. Do you recall when that was?

21 A. I don't.

22 Q. Do you think it was as early as you heard
23 about the Browder, the other initial leak with
24 regard to the Democratic National Committee?

25 A. I don't know that they're one and the

1 same. I'm not sure.

2 Q. And did you also learn at the same time --
3 around that same time that he also had been subject
4 to cyber attack?

5 A. I don't recall.

6 MR. FUTERFAS: "He" meaning Podesta.

7 MS. SAWYER: "He" meaning John Podesta. You
8 don't recall?

9 BY THE WITNESS:

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you or anyone else discuss finding or
12 obtaining this information from the hack of the
13 Democratic National Committee?

14 A. No. It was all put up there I believe,
15 like I said, on WikiLeaks.

16 Q. Did you discuss trying to obtain the
17 information from the hack of John Podesta's
18 e-mails?

19 A. I don't believe so, no.

20 Q. Did you discuss how to coordinate possible
21 release of that information with anyone?

22 A. Not that I can recall, no.

23 Q. Did anyone offer you any information as to
24 when that information from either of those hacks
25 would be released?

1 MR. FUTERFAS: You mean prior -- I want to be
2 clear of your question. You mean prior to that
3 information being publicly available, i.e. that, in
4 fact, they were hacked?

5 MS. SAWYER: I'm asking if anyone contacted
6 him -- let me just rephrase.

7 MR. FUTERFAS: Thank you.

8 BY MS. SAWYER:

9 Q. Did anyone ever contact you or anyone else
10 on the campaign about the timing of release of that
11 information before that release occurred?

12 A. No, not that I recall.

13 Q. Did anyone -- did you or anyone else on
14 the campaign ever learn about the timing of the
15 release of the information before it happened?

16 A. I don't believe so, no.

17 Q. Was there any discussion that you were
18 involved in within the campaign or anyone else
19 about potential use of the information that had
20 been obtained through the cyber attacks on the DNC
21 or Mr. Podesta?

22 A. Meaning beyond what was made available
23 publicly?

24 Q. Yes. How you might possibly use that to
25 your advantage.

1 A. I don't recall that, no. It was just out
2 there in plain sight.

3 MR. PRIVOR: I don't mean to be too nitpicky,
4 but you've used the term not that you recall. Is
5 that because it never happened or is it something
6 that happened at one time, you just don't recall it
7 now?

8 MR. TRUMP: I don't recall it ever happening.
9 I just don't know that if someone had a passing
10 conversation with me and said, hey, what do you
11 think about that, but no, there was no substantive
12 conversations that I can at all remember about any
13 of that.

14 MR. FUTERFAS: Just an observation. I think
15 some of the questions are obviously -- the
16 phraseology is you or anyone on the campaign.
17 Obviously he can only answer to what he personally
18 knows

19 BY MS. SAWYER:

20 Q. Do you feel the need to change any of your
21 answers?

22 A. I don't believe so, but that's obviously a
23 caveat I can only speak for myself and the
24 conversations I was involved in. I'm not aware of
25 any other conversations that took part along this

1 line of questioning that I had heard about after
2 the fact but was not a part of. I just kind of
3 gave you guys the full scope there. Does that make
4 sense?

5 MR. PRIVOR: I think so. Just so we're
6 clear, the last couple questions that you've
7 answered with I don't recall, that's not something
8 that you knew at one time but have since forgotten
9 as opposed to -- I think your answer, if I
10 understand your correction, is that you never knew
11 of anything like that at all; is that right?

12 MR. TRUMP: That's correct.

13 MR. PRIVOR: Thank you for the clarification.

14 BY MS. SAWYER:

15 Q. Were there any efforts to coordinate the
16 use of the information that was released as part
17 of -- by WikiLeaks, by Guccifer, by DC Leaks with
18 any external parties?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did you ever talk to anyone -- did you
21 ever talk to Dan Scavino about potential use of
22 information that was obtained through attacks on
23 the DNC or Mr. Podesta?

24 A. I don't think so.

25 Q. Did you ever talk to anyone else on the

1 social media team for the campaign about use of
2 that information?

3 A. If there was anything that would have been
4 released it would have been released publicly. I
5 may have had a conversation that said, hey, you
6 should re-Tweet that thing, that's kind of a big
7 deal, but that would be the extent of any
8 conversation I had. I just don't remember having
9 any of those conversations.

10 Q. And do you recall when those conversations
11 would have occurred?

12 A. I don't recall the conversations. So no.

13 Q. Did you or anyone else encourage Russia or
14 anybody else to hack Hillary Clinton's e-mails?

15 A. I certainly didn't. I don't remember if
16 anyone else did.

17 Q. Did you or anyone else make any effort to
18 obtain Hillary Clinton's e-mails?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did you or anyone else ever receive
21 Hillary Clinton's e-mails other than something that
22 might have been published publicly?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Do you know who Peter Smith is?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Were you aware of Mr. Smith's efforts to
2 obtain Hillary Clinton's e-mails?

3 A. I don't recall knowing Peter Smith. So
4 I'm not aware of his efforts. Who was he?

5 Q. There's been public reporting on him. So
6 it's in the press.

7 A. Okay. I haven't seen it.

8 Q. Do you know if any of the following people
9 made any efforts to obtain Secretary Clinton's
10 e-mails. Michael Flynn?

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. Steve Bannon?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. Kellyanne Conway?

15 A. I don't know.

16 Q. Sam Clovis?

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. Carter Page?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. Roger Stone?

21 A. No idea.

22 Q. Did you ever have a conversation with
23 Mr. Stone about e-mails or other information
24 obtained as part of a cyber attack on the DNC or
25 Mr. Podesta or about Hillary Clinton's e-mails?

1 A. I don't recall having a conversation with
2 Roger Stone basically past the first week or two of
3 our campaign.

4 Q. So that would have been in 2015?

5 A. Probably.

6 Q. June of 2015?

7 A. I didn't really deal with Roger too much.

8 Q. Who did deal with Roger?

9 A. I don't know if anyone did. I don't know
10 that he had an actual role in our campaign.

11 Q. Did he communicate directly with your
12 father?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. We've talked a lot about Russia. So I
15 have some broader questions about other foreign
16 governments. Did other foreign governments offer
17 or provide assistance to the Trump campaign?

18 A. None that I'm aware of.

19 Q. Did other foreign nationals offer or
20 provide assistance to the Trump Campaign?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you directly or indirectly seek
23 foreign government or foreign nationals assistance
24 for the Trump campaign?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Are you aware of anyone else seeking
2 foreign government or foreign nationals assistance
3 for the Trump campaign?

4 A. I'm not.

5 Q. Did you ever tell anyone that you or the
6 Trump campaign would be receptive to offers of
7 assistance from foreign governments or foreign
8 nationals?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Did any other -- it has been reported that
11 your father was at his private golf club in
12 Bedminster, New Jersey before he fired former
13 Director Comey. Were you at Bedminster that
14 weekend?

15 A. I don't believe so, no.

16 Q. Did you talk with your father that
17 weekend?

18 A. Not that I recall, no.

19 Q. Did you discuss his firing of Director
20 Comey with him at any point in time?

21 A. No, I don't believe so.

22 Q. Did you ever discuss Director Comey's
23 performance with your father?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Director Comey testified to Congress. You

1 Tweeted a fair amount about his testimony?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you ever discuss his testimony with
4 your father?

5 A. I don't believe so, no.

6 Q. Did you talk about his testimony with
7 anyone else in your family?

8 A. Not that I remember, no.

9 Q. Anyone in the Trump Organization?

10 A. I think it was a pretty big topic of
11 conversation that week. So I may have, but nothing
12 specific that I recall.

13 Q. Did you talk to anyone about the Tweets
14 that you put out?

15 A. I got talking points from the RNC and
16 their communications department during that, but I
17 sort of went off on my own.

18 Q. So you didn't coordinate with anyone?

19 A. I heard their talking points, I saw what
20 they were doing, and I sort of did my own thing.

21 Q. Did you get talking points from anyone
22 else about Director Comey at any point in time?

23 A. No, not that I remember.

24 Q. On February 13th National Security Advisor
25 Michael Flynn left the administration, he ended his

1 service. When did you first learn he was leaving?

2 A. When you did probably. Well, you may have
3 known before me because of your position, but when
4 the public found out I found out.

5 Q. Mr. Flynn had been at Mar-a-Lago with your
6 father in the days around that. Were you at
7 Mar-a-Lago?

8 A. February? I don't believe so, but I don't
9 know.

10 Q. And what is your understanding of why he
11 left?

12 A. He exaggerated a claim or misled Vice
13 President Pence about something.

14 Q. And what is the basis of that
15 understanding?

16 A. Media.

17 Q. Have you discussed it with your father
18 ever?

19 A. I have not.

20 Q. Have you discussed it with anyone else in
21 the White House?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Anyone in the Trump Organization?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Were you ever present when anyone else was

1 discussing his firing?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Were you ever present when anyone else was
4 discussing Director Comey's firing?

5 A. No, I don't believe so.

6 Q. Mr. Flynn also had meetings and discussion
7 with the Russian ambassador. You've spoken about
8 one of them and your knowledge of that. Do you
9 know of any others?

10 A. I'm not aware of any others, no.

11 Q. Did you know anything about his
12 conversations with the ambassador at the end of
13 December 2016?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Do you know if Mr. Flynn had conversations
16 with any other foreign government officials that
17 have not been disclosed?

18 A. I'm not aware of any, no.

19 Q. Have you and your father ever discussed
20 the FBI's investigation into Russian interference
21 in the 2016 election?

22 A. No, not that I remember.

23 Q. Has your father ever expressed to you his
24 frustrations with an investigation of Russian
25 interference?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Have you and your father ever discussed
3 the question of pardons for individuals related to
4 the investigation of Russian interference?

5 A. No, we haven't.

6 Q. Have you discussed the issue of pardons
7 for anyone?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Lieutenant General Flynn following his
10 leaving the administration, is it your
11 understanding that he resigned or he was fired?

12 A. I don't know that I have an understanding
13 beyond what was reported.

14 Q. He subsequently registered for work he had
15 been doing on behalf of Turkish interests in the
16 Turkish government. Did you know about that?

17 A. Only in recent weeks.

18 Q. And how did you learn of it?

19 A. Media.

20 Q. Did you travel to Turkey in the fall of
21 2016?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. When did you go?

24 A. November, mid-November -- or end of
25 November, maybe early December.

1 Q. And why did you go?

2 A. I was hunting.

3 Q. And who arranged that trip?

4 A. I arranged it with a friend of mine who
5 runs a hunting outfitting business in Turkey.

6 Q. And who is that individual?

7 A. [REDACTED] I'm going to
8 botch the last one, but [REDACTED], something
9 along that line.

10 Q. And what was the purpose of that trip?

11 A. It was hunting.

12 Q. And did you do any campaign-related
13 activities while you were there?

14 A. Campaign-related activities? The campaign
15 was over.

16 Q. Did you do anything related to Trump
17 business while you were there?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Who did you meet with while you were
20 there?

21 A. Him, his hunting guides, a few people that
22 were friends of his, and that's about the extent of
23 it. I had a Secret Service detail with me the
24 whole time.

25 Q. Was Michael Flynn involved in any way in

1 this trip?

2 A. No, he was not.

3 MR. PRIVOR: Was he ever a topic of
4 conversation on this trip?

5 MR. TRUMP: No, he was not.

6 BY MS. SAWYER:

7 Q. In addition to any contacts you might have
8 had, did you ever have any contacts or
9 communications with DC Leaks?

10 A. Who?

11 Q. DC Leaks.

12 A. Never even heard of DC Leaks.

13 Q. What about Guccifer 2.0?

14 A. I don't believe so, no.

15 Q. Have you had any contacts with Lieutenant
16 General Flynn since he resigned or was fired?

17 A. I don't believe so, no.

18 Q. What about your father, has had he any
19 contacts with him?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. And have you personally had any contact
22 with Paul Manafort since he resigned as campaign
23 manager or chair on August 18, 2016?

24 A. On August 18, 2016? I'm sure I have.

25 Q. Do you recall what those interactions were

1 about?

2 A. Casual. I don't know.

3 Q. When was the last time you interacted with
4 him?

5 A. I think he came by my office sometime
6 early in the spring.

7 Q. What do you consider early in the spring?

8 A. Probably March.

9 Q. March of 2016?

10 A. Yes -- no. 2017.

11 Q. 2017. Sorry. And that's the last you
12 recall having met with him?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Have you had any discussions with your
15 father about the congressional investigations?

16 A. No.

17 Q. With anyone else in your family?

18 A. Other than casual good luck kind of thing
19 from my brother, no, not extensively. Not at all,
20 no.

21 Q. What about Mr. Kushner?

22 A. I've spoken to him once or twice with
23 counsel, both counsel present, but not extensively,
24 no.

25 Q. And did you talk to him before he spoke

1 with the Senate Intelligence Committee?

2 A. I don't think I did. I mean, let me
3 rephrase that. Not specifically about that. I'm
4 sure I spoke with Jared generally, but not about
5 those issues and not about his testimony.

6 Q. I'm talking about the investigations.

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. And what about after his testimony before
9 the Senate Intelligence Committee?

10 A. Like I said, I've spoken to him, but I
11 don't recall speaking to him about that
12 specifically.

13 Q. Have you ever interacted with Attorney
14 General Sessions?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. When have you interacted with him?

17 A. On the campaign. I did a few campaign
18 stops with him, a few in Texas and in the south.
19 So I knew him from that.

20 Q. And what about since the election, since
21 November 8, 2016?

22 A. I don't believe I've seen him since.

23 Q. Were you aware of his meetings with
24 Russian Ambassador --

25 A. Let me correct that for one second. Since

1 the election or since the inauguration? I may have
2 seen him as part of the transition team after the
3 election, but since the inauguration I don't
4 believe I've seen Senator Sessions.

5 Q. Did you have any role in the transition
6 team?

7 A. Initially getting things rolling, but no.
8 Once it was clear I wasn't going to D.C., I largely
9 removed myself from all of that.

10 Q. So were you involved at all in selecting
11 the transition team?

12 A. Selecting the transition team? There were
13 some people I was involved in at the beginning of
14 the process, yes.

15 Q. And who were those individuals?

16 A. I was involved somewhat in vetting people
17 for the Department of Interior, involved in some of
18 the people -- in talking with some of the people
19 and various other things, but primarily Interior.

20 Q. And why the Department of Interior?

21 A. Because I'm an outdoorsman, I campaigned
22 on a lot of those issues, hunters and fisherman and
23 shooters around the country. It was a relevant
24 thing for me.

25 Q. What did the vetting process entail?

1 A. Meeting people who would be able to do a
2 good job in that position and introducing them to
3 my father and ultimately getting his take.

4 Q. And did you perform any due diligence as
5 part of that vetting? Was any required by the
6 transition team?

7 A. The team did more of the diligence once we
8 sort of narrowed down a group that would be good
9 for the role.

10 Q. And do you know who on the transition team
11 was responsible for that vetting?

12 A. Specific vetting, no, I don't.

13 Q. And you weren't involved in any of the
14 specific vetting?

15 A. No.

16 Q. And do you remember who specifically you
17 recommended to become part of the administration?

18 A. I recommended Ryan Zinke.

19 Q. Anyone else?

20 A. Not that I remember, no.

21 Q. Were you aware of Attorney General
22 Sessions meeting with Russian Ambassador Sergey
23 Kislyak?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did you become aware of them at any time?

1 A. From the media, yes.

2 Q. So not prior to that?

3 A. Correct.

4 MR. PRIVOR: A couple moments ago you
5 mentioned a meeting with Jared Kushner with counsel
6 and I think you said you two counsels were present.
7 Who were the two?

8 MR. TRUMP: His counsel I believe is Abbe
9 Lowell and you guys.

10 MR. FUTERFAS: I don't want to go into
11 privileged questions.

12 MR. PRIVOR: I'm not asking about a
13 privileged conversation. Was anyone else present?

14 MR. TRUMP: I don't believe so.

15 MR. PRIVOR: So it was you, Mr. Kushner, and
16 your respective lawyers?

17 MR. TRUMP: Correct.

18 MR. PRIVOR: No one else?

19 MR. TRUMP: No.

20 MR. FUTERFAS: When you said present, I just
21 want to be very clear some of those conversations
22 could have been been by phone as well?

23 MR. PRIVOR: Understood. Thank you for the
24 clarification.

25 MS. SAWYER: I think that's it for us for

1 now. We'll go off the record. It's 2:26.

2 (A short break was had.)

3 MR. FOSTER: We're back on the record. It's
4 2:30. We have a couple more questions and I think
5 we'll be done.

6 EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. FOSTER:

8 Q. There was a reference earlier in the
9 interview to something that's commonly referred to
10 as the Steele dossier, a collection of memos by
11 Christopher Steele that have been released to the
12 press. When did you first become aware of the
13 existence of that set of memos referred to as the
14 Steele dossier?

15 A. I believe whenever the media announced it.

16 Q. So you didn't have any prior knowledge of
17 it through any conversations with your father about
18 his conversations with Director Comey or anyone in
19 the intelligence community about that document?

20 A. No, I don't believe so.

21 Q. And you were asked a couple questions
22 earlier about your knowledge of the Comey firing or
23 discussions about Mr. Comey's performance. I want
24 to ask you a more general question. Did you ever
25 have any conversations with your father about his

1 conversations with Director Comey prior to Director
2 Comey being fired?

3 A. No, I didn't.

4 MR. FOSTER: I'll note for the record that
5 Senator Franken is in the room.

6 MR. DAVIS: I have have one more question or
7 line of questions.

8 FURTHER EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. So the Republican National Convention was
11 in July of 2016, as I'm sure you recall.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. In June of 2016 do you recall efforts by
14 various so-called Never Trump Movements to use
15 procedural tactics such as freeing delegates to try
16 to thwart your father from taking the nomination at
17 that convention?

18 A. I heard about that.

19 Q. Do you remember if that was a topic of
20 discussion throughout June within the Trump
21 Organization?

22 A. It wouldn't have been within the
23 organization, but it would have been within the
24 campaign.

25 Q. On June 15th both the Smoking Gun and

1 Gawker released what they claimed was a file of
2 opposition research on your father that had been
3 obtained through the DNC hack by Guccifer 2.0.
4 That release came in the midst of the Never Trump
5 efforts to thwart your father's efforts to seal the
6 nomination. Do you recall any conversations about
7 that release among the Trump Organization or Trump
8 campaign?

9 A. No, I don't.

10 MR. FOSTER: We'll go off the record. It's
11 2:33.

12 (Whereupon the proceedings were
13 adjourned at 2:33 p.m.)
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